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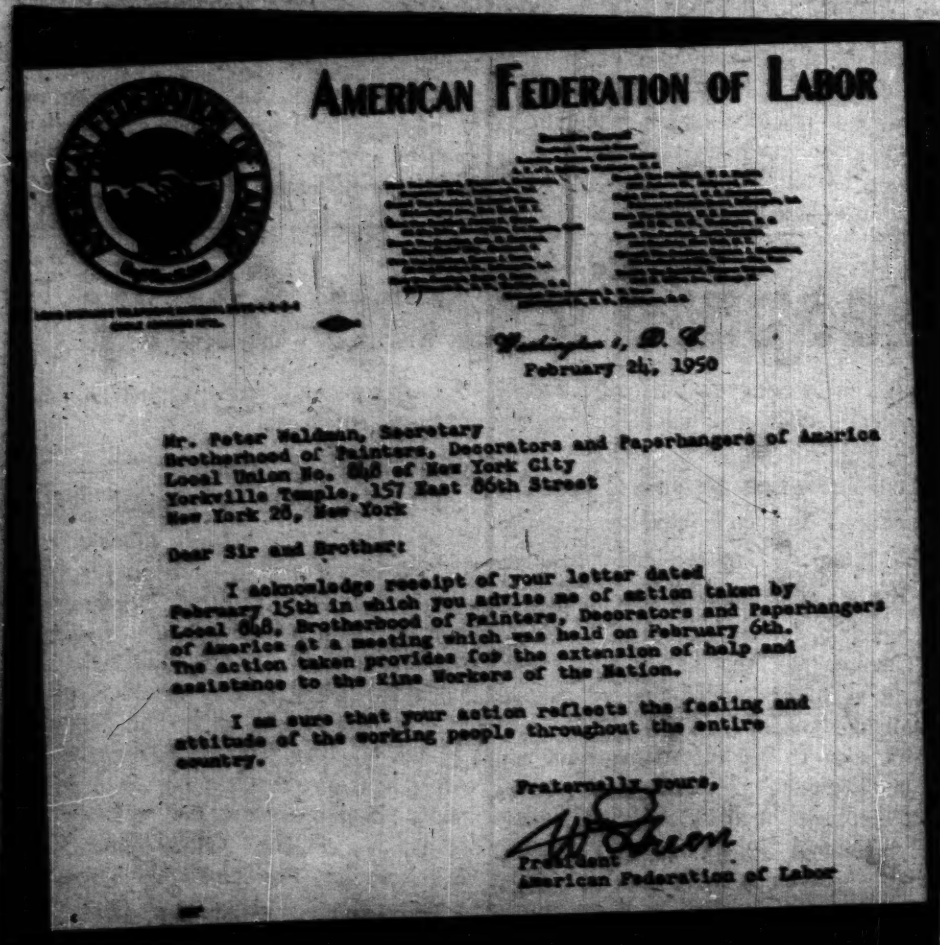
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Green Commends AFL Local's Aid to Miners



AFL president William Green sends letter to Painters Local 848, taking note of its support to the striking coal diggers. "I am sure that your action reflects the feeling and attitude of the working people throughout the country," Green wrote.

CP Leaders Urge Further Action to Aid Miners

Further steps to aid the striking coal miners were urged in the following statement issued yesterday by Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and John Williamson, the Party's Labor Secretary:

The coal miners and the United Mine Workers can expect the worst in the current court trial. In earlier stages of this battle, the courts have forced the miners to pay \$2,500,000 in fines. Further savage reprisals against the miners for refusing to slave in the pits without a contract, and for holding the front line of defense for all labor, are to be expected.

The working people in all industries and many of their trade unions have been rallying in increasing numbers to the support of the miners. The miners are showing how to defend their living standards and unions, as well as how to fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act—by fighting against its application.

This struggle is spreading from the mines to the shops, offices, and factories. It has expressed itself in the great and growing movement of solidarity in support of the miners, and against the Taft-Hartley injunctions, as well as in the outpouring of food and clothing for miners and their families.

The operators, the Republicans, the Dixiecrats and the Truman Administration are now seeking a showdown with the embattled coal miners and their union. The coal barons have the Taft-Hartley Act, and the White House is swinging this club against the miners. The enemies of labor calculate that the moment has come to settle accounts with the United Mine Workers of America—and thus pave the way for similar assaults on all other trade unions.

At this new stage of the fight—isn't it up to the rest of labor to advance from parallel action to united action in the common cause?

There are some who think that government seizure of the mines is the only way now to rescue the miners from the Taft-Hartley injunction club, and the gouging of their treasury by the courts. But who if not the Truman Administration and Robert Denham, its GOP appointee in the National Labor Relations Board hurled the injunctions against the miners? Who but the government is pressing the prosecution of the UMW? So what can this government be expected to do—if it seizes the mines? Won't it try to bring ruthless pressure to bear on the miners, to break their resistance to the coal corporations?

The miners know this. Their courage, faith in their own strength, and resolute resistance to Big Business arrogance are infusing a new spirit of militancy in the ranks of all unions. Many locals have sounded the call for united action, and passed resolutions of solidarity with the miners against the common enemy.

Resolutions are good. Relief is urgently needed. But these are no longer enough.

Preparations in scores of auto, steel, rubber, railroad, fur and other union locals, for solidarity actions with the miners, anti-Taft-Hartley demonstrations, and one day work stoppages are now a must. A must not only for the miners, but for all labor since such action is now a matter of self-defense for every union.

This is no time for partisan considerations. If the public is to get coal, the coal operators' sabotage of a union contract—made possible by the complicity of the White House, must be ended.

100 Notables Ask Visas for Peace Delegates

The State Department was asked last night by a Committee of over 100 prominent Americans to grant visas to a world peace delegation composed of 15 distinguished men and women from Europe, Africa and Latin America.

The delegation plans to petition the President and Congress for reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons.

Announcement of the request came from O. John Ruge, speaking for the committee which consists of over 100 religious, scientific and cultural figures.

Among them are Rev. Walter Muelder, dean of Boston Univer-

sity, School of Theology; Dr. Thomas Mann, Nobel prize novelist; Rev. Victoria Booth Demerest, president, World Association of Mothers for Peace; Artur Schnabel, pianist; Dr. Linus Pauling, director, Gates and Crellin Chemical Laboratories at California Institute of Technology; Lion Feuchtwanger, novelist; Prof. E. Franklin Frazier of Howard University; Prof. F. O. Matthiessen, of Harvard University; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, a founder of the NAACP; Max Weber, painter; Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Ann Revere, film actress, and Rabbi David Graubart of Chicago.

Heading the world peace delegation is Pablo Picasso, world famous painter. Also from France are delegates Jean Lurcat, painter, and Prof. Eugene F. Aubel who holds the chair of Biological Chemistry at the University of Paris.

Delegation members from Italy are Prof. Antonio Olivo, biologist at the University of Bologna; Madame Pina Palumbo and Mr. Cassadei, members of the Italian Senate.

Belgium is sending Prof. Max Cosyns, atomic physicist and Switzerland, Hans Erni, painter.

The Soviet Union delegates will be Alexander I. Oparin, one of the

foremost biologists in the Soviet Academy of Science, and Sergi A. Gerasimov, film director.

French West Africa will be represented by Monadu Koulibali, member of the French Assembly from the Ivory Coast; and Cuba, by Dr. Domingo Villamil, Catholic lawyer and writer, and Lazaro Pena, labor leader.

The delegation is sponsored by the World Peace Conference, whose headquarters are in Paris. Similar delegations will simultaneously present their petitions for peace to the heads of state and the parliaments of Italy, France, Great Britain, the USSR, Belgium, the

Netherlands and Mexico.

The American welcoming committee, said Rogge "has come together to help assure an audience in Washington for, in the words of Sen. Brien McMahon, any suggestions no matter how bold and original are welcome as an alternative to atomic war."

"The committee has no organizational affiliation. We are joined together simply to endorse the world peace delegation's right to come here and petition. We believe that theirs, like any other vital effort for world peace deserves the attention of the American people and their government."

USSR Cuts Prices 10-14%, Puts Ruble On Gold Standard

MOSCOW, Feb. 28.—The Soviet government today slashed the cost of living on all major consumer items by price cuts ranging from 10 to 14 percent. This followed drastic reductions last year. In a dramatic

Liberation of Formosa Near Says Chu Teh

HONG KONG, Feb. 28.—Gen. Chu Teh, commander-in-chief of the Liberation forces, said today that elimination of the Chiang Kai-shek regime from Formosa had become "the most pressing task of the entire country."

Chu, according to a Peking radio broadcast, said there was "no doubt whatever that the Chinese People's Liberation Army will complete this sacred task."

Chu's address was made to the Peking branch of the Formosan Self Governing League.

Chu said the Liberation Army was carrying out intensive preparations for the liberation of Formosa and assembling a "mighty military force."

"It is perfectly clear that unless these remnant brigands are eliminated the Chinese people will never be able to live in security and the construction of a new China will be impossible," Chu said.

"Therefore the liberation of Taiwan (Formosa) becomes the most pressing task of the people of the entire country."

Chu said "liberation is not far off."

Chu charged the United States was continuing to help the Kuomintang with arms and said the Kuomintang was using American warships and planes and American and Japanese military personnel.

Chiang Elects Chiang

TAIPEI, Formosa, Feb. 28.—Chiang Kai-shek openly takes over the leadership of his defeated Kuomintang tomorrow to mobilize the remnants for sabotage of the Chinese People's Republic. It was announced yesterday he would become "President" again. He "retired" last year when North China was liberated.

Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, adviser to Kuomintang President Li Tsung-jen, said in New York yesterday that Li has "no intention" of resigning and that Chiang Kai-shek cannot take over the presidency because he is a "private citizen."

announcement, the Soviet government declared that the value of the ruble would be increased by 32 percent in relation to world currencies, especially the U.S. dollar. The ruble will now be worth 25 cents and will be placed on the gold standard, the Soviet government announced. This makes it the only world currency to be based on what the USSR statement called "the more stable gold standard" rather than on the dollar standard. This means that it becomes more advantageous for traders in world markets to procure Soviet gold-based rubles which can now be exchanged for a greater amount of dollars or pounds.

The Soviet action dramatizes the growing gap between the Socialist world's money and the inflationary, unstable currencies of the Western world, whose buying power is steadily falling, cutting the real wages of labor.

The financial changes were announced by two government decrees, both signed by Premier Joseph Stalin and Deputy Premier Georgi M. Malenkov. The changes are effective officially tomorrow.

The price-cut decree covered a long list of foodstuffs, clothing and textiles and some other consumer goods.

FOODS CUT 20 PERCENT

The price reduction covered foods ranging from bread to caviar. The average reduction was

about 25 percent. Wine, the commodity whose price was cut most sharply, was reduced 49 percent.

The announcement of the government action, broadcast over street-corner loudspeakers, drew large crowds into Moscow's public squares despite the chill fog which blanketed the city.

The crowds stood around the loudspeakers for many minutes after the announcement.

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ASK UN TO SAVE 11 UNIONISTS DOOMED BY GREEK KING

By Cable to Daily Worker

LONDON, Feb. 28.—King Paul of Greece has doomed 11 maritime union leaders to death, it was made known here today. Betty Ambatielos, wife of one of the unionists, cabled a plea from England to United Nations officials in New York, urging immediate intervention to save the lives of the 11.

Mrs. Ambatielos' message to Carlos Romulo, president of the General Assembly, and Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the UN, declared:

"I am afraid that my husband and the others will be immediately executed, as happened with labor leaders Georgiou and Dimitriou, or murdered, as in the case of Tatakis. My only hope is your immediate assistance in this hour of crisis. The intervention of the United Nations 16 months ago succeeded in postponing their execution. I beg of you save them now."

(Tatakis was the executive board member of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions who was murdered at Makronisos concentration camp after two years' imprisonment.)

The Federation of Greek Maritime Unions has described the murder of Tatakis as a "test case." Unless sufficient protests pour into the State Department and the UN on his murder and against the scheduled execution of the 11 whose clemency petition King Paul denied, the fascists of Makronisos will be emboldened to slay all the other labor leaders imprisoned there.

Tatakis was murdered after he refused to sign a recantation and statement of support for the monarcho-fascists, information smuggled out of Makronisos reveals. He was beaten continually for three hours last Dec. 19th. The process was repeated Jan. 9th. Tatakis died two days later without recovering consciousness.

(See Page 5 for story of Soviet protest to UN on conditions at Makronisos, the Dachau of Greece.)

U.S. Skipper Tells of Raid By P-51s

(Editor's Note: The following report on the air attack on two American ships off Tsingtao, China, was radioed from Tientsin waters by Capt. D. E. Nobles of the steamer New World Victory, which was at a Tsingtao dock at the time.)

By Capt. D. E. Nobles
By United Press

ABOARD SS NEW WORLD VICTORY, Off Tientsin, Feb. 28.—At noon EST on Feb. 27 three Nationalist planes appeared over Tsingtao and after circling the city dropped a stick of bombs over the industrial area and near the local power plant.

Then, heading out over the docks and harbor, they dove on two American ships at anchor and dropped bombs and strafed the SS Pioneer Dale and SS Flying Clipper.

These ships immediately put to

sea, although the planes did not bomb the dock area where my vessel was loading. The planes disappeared about 1 p.m.

Two of the planes seemed to be of P-51 type, the third a two-engine aircraft of unidentified type. The bombs dropped were small.

Business was resumed as usual after the raid.

(A later report from the New World Victory's radio officer said two of the planes were P-51's and the third was a twin-engine Hudson bomber with no identifying marks.)

(The radio officer reported that immediately after the raid Communist police boarded the New World Victory and checked the seals on the radio office, found one had been undone, and the radio officer fell under suspicion. "It took quite a bit of talking with the policeman to convince him that

the radio officer did not undo the seals," he reported. The seals were renewed, and a little later the New World Victory sailed for Taku Bar off Tientsin.)

Chiang Target

'A City of the Dead'

A dispatch from Kongmoon, a town near the Portuguese colony of Macao, described the city today as a "city of the dead" with blue lanterns of mourning hanging on many doors.

Kongmoon was raided heavily recently by Kuomintang bombers which wiped out almost the entire waterfront area.

A Kongmoon hospital announced it had picked up more than 500 bodies with "many times" that number injured.

EXCLUSIVE -- Leopard's Own Story



LEOPARD, he was drugged and imprisoned.

By U. Gene Lions

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 28.—From grim-visaged friends of democracy I have learned today that the City Zoo leopard was . . . doped!

Anyone who is familiar with the diabolical inventions of the Zoo knows that Leopard (his lovely wife, two children and aged mother call him "Pard") would never have confessed had he not been . . . drugged!

Bureaucrats of the Oklahoma City Zoo cynically pretend that Leopard returned to the zoo of his own free will, but friends of the India-born animal testify that his former deep-throated roar has been turned into a lack-lustre whimper. Recordings of Leopard's voice—before and after his imprisonment—PROVE that he now

howls in accents unmistakably stamped with the Russian influence.

The evidence against Leopard, of course, is made up out of the whole skin. In typical fashion, the Reds and so-called liberals have smeared this patriot, who came here because the American way of life is the hope of the world, as a would-be killer.

But noted anti-Communists like John Dewey, Norman Thomas, Max Eastman and Francisco Franco are reported ready to swear that Leopard was not only merely going for an innocent stroll in the woods, but that he once spoke rather harshly of Adolf Hitler's thinness.

Leopard's "confession" that he spied on some of the more succulent citizens of Oklahoma City is,

of course, what one would expect from a satellite.

A TERRIBLE NIGHT

The object of a typical police state search, in which armed soldiers and an abject civilian population was used, Leopard "confessed" only after hours of ghastly psychological torture. All through the terrible night the Zoo fiends looked for Leopard in all the wrong places, forcing him to return, shattered and broken, to his cell. How many thousands more like Leopard languish in the Oklahoma City slave camps, one can only surmise.

Proving conclusively that the Red standard of living is far below that of the Western world, the Politburo of the 300 fed the

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South Jumps Gun on 'Worker' Fund Drive

The two-month campaign to raise \$175,000 for the Daily Worker and Worker gets under way today, but two Southern organizations of the Communist Party, Florida and North Carolina, jumped the gun on the entire country.

On hand in The Worker office yesterday was \$2,144 from Florida, representing a substantial part of its goal.

And also in the hands of The Worker business office was \$200 from North Carolina, which represents the full quota from that state of underpaid Negro and white toiling farmers and workers.

"The workers and farmers of these two states in the deep South have set an example for the nation," the business office declared. "They anticipated the opening of the drive, knowing that their contributions are The Worker's only source of income. We are confident the rest of the 46 States will catch up with Florida and North Carolina in a short time."

In announcing the two-month drive, to last from March 1, to May 1, the editors and business management of The Worker urged speedy completion as a followup on the recently concluded successful subscription drive which netted nearly 35,000 readers.

Noting that The Worker concluded 1949 with a deficit of \$25,000, the editors declared: "This \$175,000 will not cover our deficit for the year 1950. But we set that lower figure because we do not want to burden our readers all at once with total required. The goal of \$175,000 in this drive means we shall be obliged to raise the rest of the debt in other ways; by higher circulation, more subs, various methods."

A positive factor this year, it was pointed out, is that most new readers took one-year subs rather than half-year subs, thus guaranteeing a more stable circulation and the possibility of gaining still more new readers.

In urging support to The Worker drive, the national committee of the Communist Party declared:

"This is your paper. You are its actual stockholders, you give it life, you alone build and sustain it. Imagine what it would mean to face the fight for peace, against the dreaded A. and H. bombs, the fight for the full rights of the Negro people—against Jimcrow and

violence; the fight for the existence of labor unions—against the Taft-Hartley slave law; without The Daily Worker! Who would have known the tragic plight of Mrs. Ingram and her sons, and of the Trenton 6 and mobilized to save their lives, except for the Daily Worker?"

"No other eastern paper gave truthful, adequate coverage to the trial of the Communist leaders at Foley Square, nor defends today the coal miners, and all similar just struggles of the American workers. How could any of us attempt to counter-act the red-baiting and labor-baiting rampage today, how cut through the fog of lies and slanders without this powerful beacon light? The paper is in danger, unless this sum is raised."

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday appealed for the speedy raising of \$650,000, the sum to go for the Communist Defense Fund, for Communist Party operating expenses as well as for New York's contribution to The Worker Fund Drive.

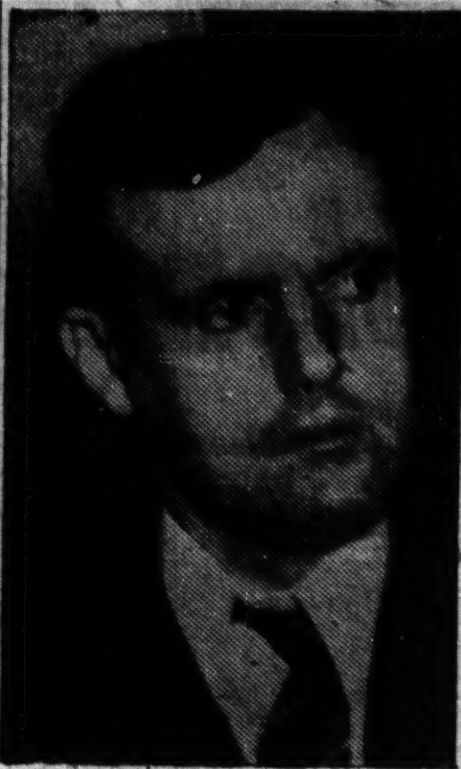
"Build a peace budget from the dollars and quarters of the working and peace-loving masses," the New York state appeal, signed by chairman Robert Thompson and secretary William Norman, declared. Details of the New York state appeal and plan will appear in tomorrow's Daily Worker.

Friends of the Daily Worker and Worker were urged to send their contributions to the Freedom of the Press Fund, 50 E. 13 St., New York 3, N. Y.

Small Fire in British Parliament

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—A minor fire broke out today in the Houses of Parliament, but was extinguished before it could cause sufficient damage to delay the scheduled opening tomorrow of the new Parliament.

The fire, in an electrician's workshop under the historic house of lords' chamber was quenched in nine minutes by firemen who ran a single hose into the building.



RATHBORNE

Renegade Rathborne Used Against Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Mervyn Rathborne, renegade West Coast labor leader and key government stoopgoon, today testified in the perjury trial of Harry Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), that the two men had once attended a Communist Party meeting in New York together.

Rathborne, revealed last year as an FBI agent, claimed that he and Bridges had conferred some time in 1937 with Jack Stachel, one of the 11 Communist leaders who were defendants in the Foley Square trial, at the Party's headquarters. Bridges has denied ever

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Union, Bosses Resume Mine Talks Today

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Coal bargaining talks are scheduled to resume tomorrow morning as leading operators announced they were intensifying their fight against the United Mine Workers.

George Love, spokesman for the northern and western operators, announced as he left Pittsburgh for Washington to begin the new talks, that his Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co. was determined to ward off a new contract with the miners.

Love said company dividends and the salaries of some high-paid company officials had been cut to enable the company to carry on its battle against the union "with determination."

Back again for a new bargaining session will be UMW president John L. Lewis, who left hurriedly last Friday for Springfield, Ill., to attend the funeral of his brother Thomas.

Judge Richard B. Keach today upheld the union in its fight to bar the decisions of two previous contempt of court actions against the union in the present case.

Keach's ruling, however, was "tentative." As long as it was tentative, the judge indicated, he would not consider evidence of those cases which Assistant Attor-

ney General H. Graham Morison sought all afternoon to enter.

Keach's ruling knocked the major prop out of the government's attempt to prove the miners were acting under union orders in violating Keach's back-to-work injunction secured under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Union attorneys led by Welly K. Hopkins maintain that the mine workers were acting as individuals in their refusal to return to work under the injunction.

RECESS TRIAL

At Morison's request Keach recessed the trial until tomorrow morning. Morison said he could not continue his case until the union produced a letter written by Lewis on Dec. 7, 1946.

The letter ordered mine workers on strike at that time to return to work. Morison reminded reporters that the miners did go back to the pits at that time. He indicated that this letter would be compared with two letters written by Lewis after Keach's back-to-work order issued three weeks ago. Hopkins told Keach that the

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Wallace Prepares to Widen Battle for Peace

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Henry Wallace's activity at the Progressive Party's Chicago convention should set at rest reports that he plans to retire to private life and abandon the new political movement which he helped create. My own impression, as a

correspondent, is that Wallace intends to stick and aid in building "a new, broader, forward-looking party," as he called it. Wallace took an active part in the resolutions committee in drafting the statement of policy which serves as the party's platform in the 1950 elections. His speech, upon which he worked for a long time, revealed a continuing interest in the vital problem of how to keep the world at peace.

He expressed a pardonable pride in having put forward a year and a half ago proposals which, denounced at that time by reaction, have since been echoed in one way or another by Churchill, two influential members of the Senate, and a host of church leaders.

More important, there are indications everywhere of a rapidly

growing popular support for peace and for the specific proposals advanced by Wallace.

I suspect the former vice-president, whose qualities of courage, high principle, and determination are admitted by his worst enemies, will want to help in organizing the American people to guarantee success for his program.

CHAMPION OF PEACE

Few Americans have done as much for world peace during these tense days since V-J day as Henry Agard Wallace. If it were not so tragic it would be laughable that men like President Truman, Gen. Marshall, and King Paul of Greece are nominated for the Nobel peace prize, while Wallace's name is not mentioned.

As early as September, 1946,

while he was still in Truman's cabinet, Wallace was pointing out how the Baruch plan would be an obstacle rather than an instrument to securing agreement on international control of atomic weapons. He has never ceased to work for acceptance of the Rooseveltian principle that world peace depends on American understanding. No radical in his economic views, he has consistently held to the view that the peaceful coexistence of socialism and capitalism was possible and desirable.

On May 11, 1948, he dramatized his position in an "open letter" to Joseph Stalin, proposing a meeting between chiefs of the Soviet and American states and suggesting six objectives. Stalin

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Don't Miss:

Peace and the British Election

By William Z. Foster

In Thursday's Daily Worker



Boasts Vogeler Shields U. S. Spy Ring

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Businessman Robert A. Vogeler confessed to spying in Hungary in order to shield the actual heads of American Intelligence in Eastern Europe. State Department stooge Tibor Von Eckhardt asserted here.

Von Eckhardt, former envoy to Washington from the fascist regime of Hungarian Admiral Horthy, is in this country under State Department auspices to foment counter-revolution against the People's Republic of Hungary.

He told an audience of 300 during a lecture for the Charles Carroll Forum of Catholic University that Vogeler confessed only to hoodwink the Hungarians into believing that the U. S. spy ring in that country has been smashed.

Von Eckhardt boasted, however, that he knows definitely that Vogeler is not and never was the head

of the American espionage organization.

Actually, Von Eckhardt claimed, the U. S. spy ring is intact, still well organized, and still has contact with Americans in Vienna. Vogeler "sacrificed himself" for the real espionage chiefs, the Hungarian fascist declared.

CALLS FOR SABOTAGE

In his speech, Von Eckhardt also called for intensified sabotage inside Russia and the eastern democracies and for the formation of an underground army of anti-Soviet elements.

Von Eckhardt has a record of frankness in lectures to Catholic institutions of learning. In February, 1946, he told students of Georgetown University in Washington:

"Hitler and Laval had a definite mission to carry

out, and that way they were able to win the support of the people. He gave the German people a mission and the faith to work for. . . ."

In Hungary, Von Eckhardt was a leader of the anti-Semitic movement and drafted anti-Semitic laws under which the Horthy regime restricted Jews to certain trades, seized their property, etc.

In 1943, the Friends of Democracy, an anti-Communist organization, revealed that it had publicized Von Eckhardt as a leader of the "Free Hungary Movement" because Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle had telephoned a request to play up the fascist as a democrat.

Von Eckhardt was introduced at the recent Catholic University Forum as a "life-long friend" of Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian royalist who was convicted last year of treason and espionage.

Stuyvesant Tenants Visit Albany Solons

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Fifty tenants from Stuyvesant town today demanded of the Legislature that it act to eliminate Jimcrow from the tax-exempt Metropolitan Life Insurance project in New York City. The delegation represented the Town and Village Tenants' Committee to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town.

The delegation called on majority leader Sen. Arthur H. Wicks to amend his anti-discrimination housing bill so that it specifically applies to Stuyvesant Town. The Wicks bill would outlaw housing bias in all publicly-aided projects built after July 1, 1950, but does not apply to present developments.

The Moritt-Baker measure would eliminate tax-exemptions for such projects as Stuyvesant Town, the Wicks bill was deliberately submitted to head off pressure for passage of the Moritt-Baker bill.

The delegation received assurances from Lt. Gov. Hanley that he favored an amendment to the Wicks bill such as proposed by the committee. Interviews with Sen. Wicks and other legislative leaders, however, resulted in non-committal expressions of sympathy but no guarantees.

Sen. Fred G. Moritt and Assemblyman Bertram B. Baker, both Brooklyn Democrats, promised to continue to fight for passage of their bill.

The Daily Worker learned that Sen. Wicks, a close friend of Mayor O'Dwyer, would not amend his bill to make it apply to Stuyvesant Town because it would "embarrass" the Mayor.

Charge Gov't Feeds Bias to Gubitchev Jury

By Harry Raymond

Soviet engineer Valentin Gubitchev charged, through his attorney in Federal court yesterday, that Prosecutor John M. Kelley had overstepped legal bounds by comparing evidence in the Coplon-Gubitchev trial to government testimony in the recent Canadian spy trial.

Abraham Pomerantz, attorney for the engineer, told Judge Sylvester Ryan that Kelley's remarks were "totally inappropriate."

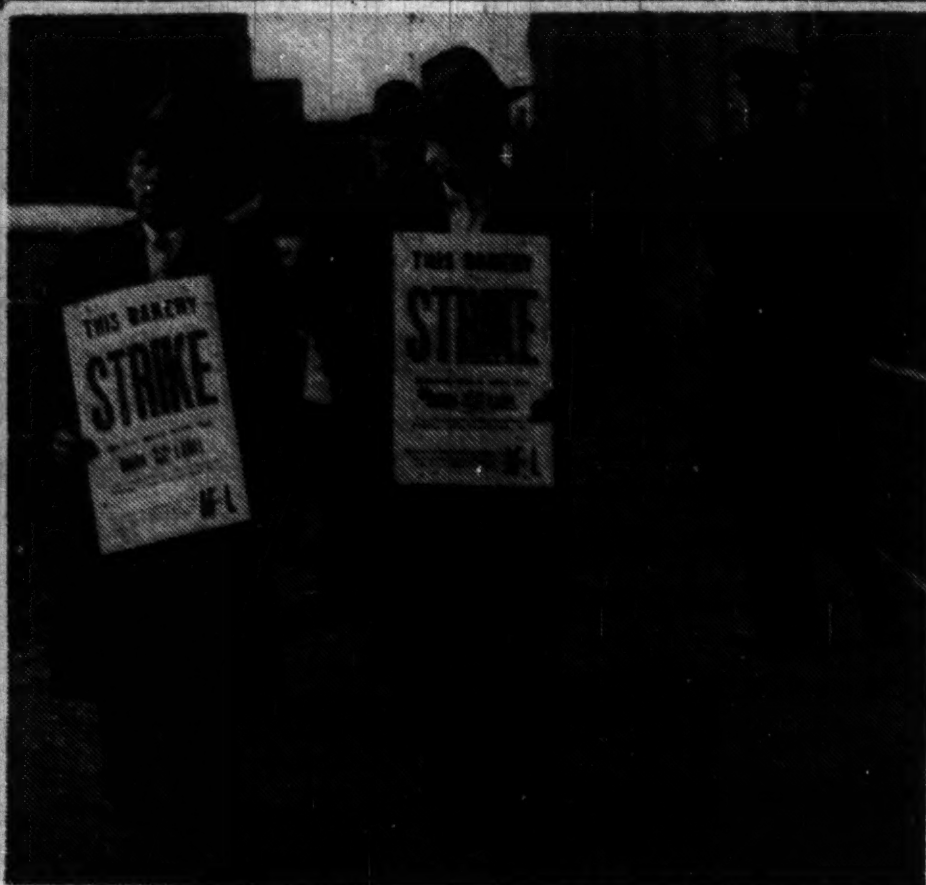
Pomerantz declared that jurors could not avoid prejudicial newspaper headlines, regardless of instructions of the judge not to read accounts of the trial. He pointed to a headline, "Judge Accuses Judy," in Monday afternoon's papers as an example, and moved for a mistrial.

MOTION DENIED

Judge Ryan rejected the mistrial motion, which was joined in by Samuel Neuburger, attorney for ex-government girl Judith Coplon.

After the jury heard four FBI agents describe the arrest, search and questioning of the Coplon and Gubitchev as they walked down Third Ave. last March 4, Prosecutor Kelley announced he would rest the government espionage-conspiracy case some time today.

Assistant prosecutor Raymond Whearty read to the jury the contents of 39 typewritten papers at (Continued on Page 8)



AFL BAKERS PICKET: Bakery Union leaders head mass picket line at Larsen Baking Co., Brooklyn, in fight for new contract with wage increases and other improvements. Leading line are Joseph Cappadona, Local 3 business agent, and Theodore Ellingsen, Larsen strike committee chairman.

ALP'er Dies In Crash on Mine Aid Trip

Charles Tronick, 23, secretary of the American Labor Party of Suffolk County, L.I., died in Pittsburgh Monday morning, it was learned here yesterday, of injuries received in an auto accident.

The accident occurred Saturday while Tronick was returning from helping distribute food collected for striking coal miners. Tronick, with four others, had been in the mine fields all day helping with the food distribution. On driving back to where he was staying he hit a station on Moreland Avenue and Fifth St. in Oakland, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

The impact drove the shaft of the steering wheel through Tronick's chest, puncturing a lung. He died Monday morning.

With him in the car at the time of the accident were three New

Yorkers who had driven down to Pittsburgh with him with a load of food. Adolph Hazel, 22, of Jamaica, was uninjured, while Raymond Shear, 21, of Jamaica, and Jack Jaffe, 21, of Brooklyn, both suffered broken noses. Jaffe, in addition, was cut by his glasses, which shattered in the crash.

The fourth passenger, William Lewis, 22, of Pittsburgh, was reported to be in a hospital with a compound fracture of the jaw.

Pittsburgh police, who investigated the wreck, attempted to launch a red scare against the miners by turning over Communist Party literature allegedly found in the car to the House Un-American Committee. The police action was accompanied by scare headlines in Pittsburgh papers and by ballyhooed publicity announcements.

Powell Talks Tonight

Rep. Adam C. Powell will address a welcome meeting of delegates to the United Beauty School Owners and Teachers Association tonight at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W. 138 St., on FEPC and other civil rights bills.

LABOR PEACE GROUP CALLS CHICAGO MEET

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A call to all labor in Chicago went out this week for an all-day conference to discuss jobs and peace on Sunday, March 12 at Ashland Auditorium.

Its sponsors were some 75 leading trade unionists who are members of the Chicago Labor Conference for Peace.

CIO, AFL, railroad and independent unionists were listed among the sponsors of the parley which is being organized from offices at 179 W. Washington St.

James Wishart, one of the conference leaders, announced that the parley was open to all labor, "regardless of union affiliation."

O'D Joins GOP to Cut School Building Fund

By Michael Singer

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—The O'Dwyer administration joined hands with the Dewey regime today to choke New York City's school construction needs. With O'Dwyer's deputy mayor, William Reid, an approving member, the state committee on tax and debt limits, headed by comptroller Frank C. Moore, recommended constitutional debt-incurring amendments that limited new school building funds to \$45,000,000—and that not until Jan. 1, 1952.

The doublecross by the O'Dwyer regime was made even more disgusting by the spectacle of Democratic minority leader Assemblyman Irwin Steingut "debating" until 2:10 a.m. this morning for a \$200 million school construction bond issue, though he knew all along that Democrats had joined with the GOP on the school report.

Senate Democrats continued the duplicity of their Assembly colleagues today. The bald hypocrisy of the Democratic leaders, whose New York City representative on the Moore committee heartily agreed that no new construction funds were "available," turned the stomachs of many rank-and-file Democrats, especially those from areas where the school issue is a desperate community struggle.

ONLY \$40 MILLIONS
New York City's school construction needs have been variously estimated from a conservative \$273 million to \$685 million for the next five to 10 years. But under the formula recommended by the bipartisan Moore committee, the city will get only \$40 million for specific construction needs in 1952—after two successive legislatures adopt the constitutional amendments as required by law. Another \$45 million is purportedly made available by changes in the debt limit on valuations. But this shift is not specifically restricted to school construction purposes and the city could use the additional borrowing power for any use it saw fit.

Mrs. Lillian Gates, Communist legislative representative, called "this latest Hooverite attack" an "intolerable" assault on the people. "The Communist Party," she said, "pledges its full aid in a fight to change this sellout. We demand a bond issue of at least \$600,000,000 and an immediate outright appropriation of \$100,000,000 for school construction."

Mrs. Rose Russell, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, denounced the Moore report as a "grievous and outrageous blow" to the hopes of parents and teachers that the "state will help meet the critical shortage of school buildings."

The Teachers Union leader urged an aroused fight for a \$500,000,000 statewide bond issue and an outright appropriation of \$100,000,000, half of which should be allotted to New York City.

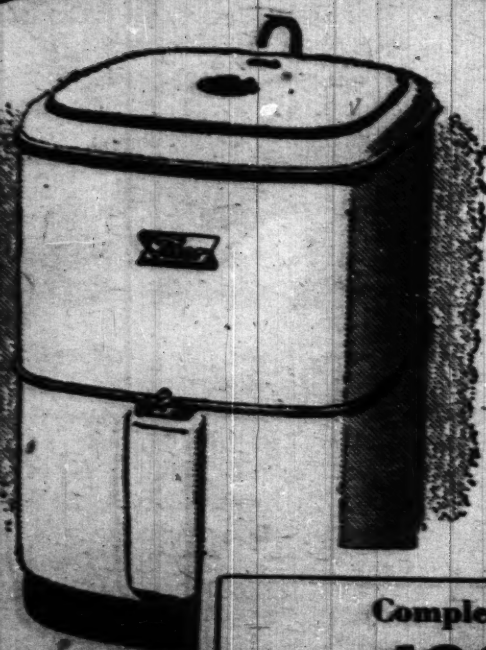
Ask Big Firms Extend UE Pacts

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union yesterday requested that its contracts with the General Electric and Westinghouse Companies be extended beyond the April 1, expiration because of National Labor Relations Board delay in setting dates for collective bargaining elections.

In letters to the two companies, the union pointed out that the delay resulted from "many questions raised by the company and the IUE (Imitation United Electrical Workers) making it virtually certain that elections will not be held until after national contracts expire, thus leaving workers without the protection of contracts on their wages, conditions and settlement of grievances."

The union has called its GE and Westinghouse conference boards into session for March 4 and 5, to consider this and other problems. UE contracts cover 125,000 GE workers and 75,000 Westinghouse workers.

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South Jumps Gun on 'Worker' Fund Drive

The two-month campaign to raise \$175,000 for the Daily Worker and Worker gets under way today, but two Southern organizations of the Communist Party, Florida and North Carolina, jumped the gun on the entire country.

On hand in The Worker office yesterday was \$2,144 from Florida, representing a substantial part of its goal.

And also in the hands of The Worker business office was \$200 from North Carolina, which represents the full quota from that state of underpaid Negro and white toiling farmers and workers.

"The workers and farmers of these two states in the deep South have set an example for the nation," the business office declared. "They anticipated the opening of the drive, knowing that their contributions are The Worker's only source of income. We are confident the rest of the 48 States will catch up with Florida and North Carolina in a short time."

In announcing the two-month drive, to last from March 1, to May 1, the editors and business management of The Worker urged speedy completion as a followup on the recently concluded successful subscription drive which netted nearly 35,000 readers.

Noting that The Worker concluded 1949 with a deficit of \$25,000, the editors declared: "This \$175,000 will not cover our deficit for the year 1950. But we set that lower figure because we do not want to burden our readers all at once with total required. The goal of \$175,000 in this drive means we shall be obliged to raise the rest of the deficit in other ways; by higher circulation, more subs, various methods."

A positive factor this year, it was pointed out, is that most new readers took one-year subs rather than half-year subs, thus guaranteeing a more stable circulation and the possibility of gaining still more new readers.

In urging support to The Worker drive, the national committee of the Communist Party declared:

"This is your paper. You are its actual stockholders, you give it life, you alone build and sustain it. Imagine what it would mean to face the fight for peace, against the dreaded A. and H. bombs; the fight for the full rights of the Negro people—against Jim Crow and

violence; the fight for the existence of labor unions—against the Taft-Hartley slave law; without The Daily Worker! Who would have known the tragic plight of Mrs. Ingram and her sons, and of the Trenton 6 and mobilized to save their lives, except for the Daily Worker?"

"No other eastern paper gave truthful, adequate coverage to the trial of the Communist leaders at Foley Square, nor defends today the coal miners, and all similar just struggles of the American workers. How could any of us attempt to counter-act the red-baiting and labor-baiting rampage today, how cut through the fog of lies and slanders without this powerful beacon light? The paper is in danger, unless this sum is raised."

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday appealed for the speedy raising of \$650,000, the sum to go for the Communist Defense Fund, for Communist Party operating expenses as well as for New York's contribution to The Worker Fund Drive.

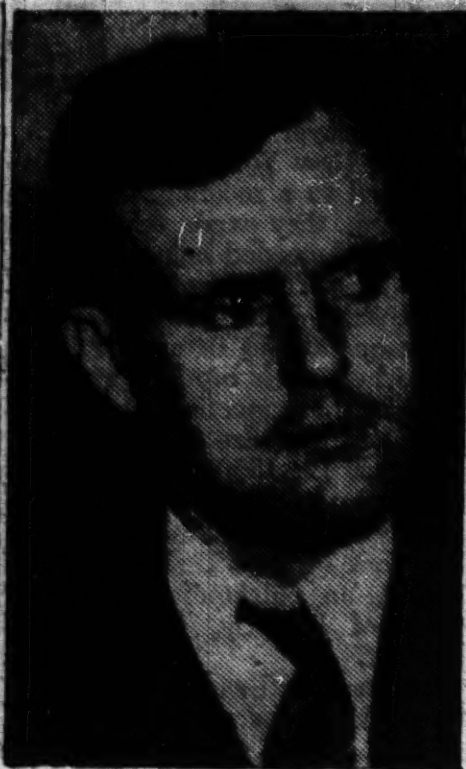
"Build a peace budget from the dollars and quarters of the working and peace-loving masses," the New York state appeal, signed by chairman Robert Thompson and secretary William Norman, declared. Details of the New York state appeal and plan will appear in tomorrow's Daily Worker.

Friends of the Daily Worker and Worker were urged to send their contributions to the Freedom of the Press Fund, 50 E. 13 St., New York 3, N. Y.

Small Fire in British Parliament

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—A minor fire broke out today in the Houses of Parliament, but was extinguished before it could cause sufficient damage to delay the scheduled opening tomorrow of the new Parliament.

The fire in an electrician's workshop under the historic house of lords' chamber was quenched in nine minutes by firemen who ran a single hose into the building.



RATHBORNE

Renegade Rathborne Used Against Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Mervyn Rathborne, renegade West Coast labor leader and key government stooge, today testified in the perjury trial of Harry Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), that the two men had once attended a Communist Party meeting in New York together.

Rathborne, revealed last year as an FBI agent, claimed that he and Bridges had conferred some time in 1937 with Jack Stachel, one of the 11 Communist leaders who were defendants in the Foley Square trial, at the Party's headquarters. Bridges has denied ever

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Union, Bosses Resume Mine Talks Today

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Coal bargaining talks are scheduled to resume tomorrow morning as leading operators announced they were intensifying their fight against the United Mine Workers.

George Love, spokesman for the northern and western operators, announced as he left Pittsburgh for Washington to begin the new talks, that his Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co. was determined to ward off a new contract with the miners.

Love said company dividends and the salaries of some high-paid company officials had been cut to enable the company to carry on its battle against the union "with determination."

Back again for a new bargaining session will be UMW president John L. Lewis, who left hurriedly last Friday for Springfield, Ill., to attend the funeral of his brother Thomas.

Judge Richard B. Keech today upheld the union in its fight to bar the decisions of two previous contempt of court actions against the union in the present case.

Keech's ruling, however, was "tentative." As long as it was tentative, the judge indicated, he would not consider evidence of those cases which Assistant Attor-

ney General H. Graham Morison sought all afternoon to enter.

Keech's ruling knocked the major prop out of the government's attempt to prove the miners were acting under union orders in violating Keech's back-to-work injunction secured under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Union attorneys led by Welly K. Hopkins maintain that the mine workers were acting as individuals in their refusal to return to work under the injunction.

RECESS TRIAL

At Morison's request Keech recessed the trial until tomorrow morning. Morison said he could not continue his case until the union produced a letter written by Lewis on Dec. 7, 1946.

The letter ordered mine workers on strike at that time to return to work. Morison reminded reporters that the miners did go back to the pits at that time. He indicated that this letter would be compared with two letters written by Lewis after Keech's back-to-work order issued three weeks ago. Hopkins told Keech that the

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Wallace Prepares to Widen Battle for Peace

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Henry Wallace's activity at the Progressive Party's Chicago convention should set at rest reports that he plans to retire to private life and abandon the new political movement which he helped create. My own impression, as a

correspondent, is that Wallace intends to stick and aid in building "a new, broader, forward-looking party," as he called it. Wallace took an active part in the resolutions committee in drafting the statement of policy which serves as the party's platform in the 1950 elections. His speech, upon which he worked for a long time, revealed a continuing interest in the vital problems of how to keep the world at peace.

He expressed a pardonable pride in having put forward a year and a half ago proposals which, denounced at that time by reaction, have since been echoed in one way or another by Churchill, two influential members of the Senate, and a host of church leaders.

More important, there are indications everywhere of a rapidly

growing popular support for peace and for the specific proposals advanced by Wallace.

I suspect the former vice-president, whose qualities of courage, high principle, and determination are admitted by his worst enemies, will want to help in organizing the American people to guarantee success for his program.

CHAMPION OF PEACE

Few Americans have done as much for world peace during these tense days since V-J day as Henry Agard Wallace. If it were not so tragic it would be laughable that men like President Truman, Gen. Marshall, and King Paul of Greece are nominated for the Nobel peace prize, while Wallace's name is not mentioned.

As early as September, 1946,

while he was still in Truman's cabinet, Wallace was pointing out how the Baruch plan would be an obstacle rather than an instrument to securing agreement on international control of atomic weapons. He has never ceased to work for acceptance of the Rooseveltian principle that world peace depends on American understanding. No radical in his economic views, he has consistently held to the view that the peaceful coexistence of socialism and capitalism was possible and desirable.

On May 11, 1948, he dramatized his position in an "open letter" to Joseph Stalin, proposing a meeting between chiefs of the Soviet and American states and suggesting six objectives. Stalin

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Don't Miss:

Peace and the British Election

By William Z. Foster

In Thursday's Daily Worker



Boasts Vogeler Shields U. S. Spy Ring

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Businessman Robert A. Vogeler confessed to spying in Hungary in order to shield the actual heads of American Intelligence in Eastern Europe. State Department stooge Tibor Von Eckhardt asserted here.

Von Eckhardt, former envoy to Washington from the fascist regime of Hungarian Admiral Horthy, is in this country under State Department auspices to foment counter-revolution against the People's Republic of Hungary.

He told an audience of 300 during a lecture for the Charles Carroll Forum of Catholic University that Vogeler confessed only to hoodwink the Hungarians into believing that the U. S. spy ring in that country has been smashed.

Von Eckhardt boasted, however, that he knows definitely that Vogeler is not and never was the head

of the American espionage organization.

Actually, Von Eckhardt claimed, the U. S. spy ring is intact, still well organized, and still has contact with Americans in Vienna. Vogeler "sacrificed himself" for the real espionage chiefs, the Hungarian fascist declared.

CALLS FOR SABOTAGE

In his speech, Von Eckhardt also called for intensified sabotage inside Russia and the eastern democracies and for the formation of an underground army of anti-Soviet elements.

Von Eckhardt has a record of frankness in lectures to Catholic institutions of learning. In February, 1946, he told students of Georgetown University in Washington:

"Hitler and Laval had a definite mission to carry

out, and that way they were able to win the support of the people. He gave the German people a mission and the faith to work for. . . ."

In Hungary, Von Eckhardt was a leader of the anti-Semitic movement and drafted anti-Semitic laws under which the Horthy regime restricted Jews to certain trades, seized their property, etc.

In 1943, the Friends of Democracy, an anti-Communist organization, revealed that it had publicized Von Eckhardt as a leader of the "Free Hungary Movement" because Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle had telephoned a request to play up the fascist as a democrat.

Von Eckhardt was introduced at the recent Catholic University Forum as a "life-long friend" of Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian royalist who was convicted last year of treason and espionage.

Appeal Florida 'Rape' Frameup

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 28.—Argument for reversal of the convictions of Samuel Shepherd and Walter Irvin, condemned to death in the Groveland rape charge frameup, will be heard in the Florida State Supreme court here on April 13.

Alex Akerman, Jr., of Winter Park, Fla., and Franklin H. Williams, assistant special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, are the attorneys for the condemned men.

The appeal brief raises the following issues:

1. Denial of motions for a change of venue and for continuance of the case.
2. The validity of using the registration rolls as a source for the selection of jurors and of using race as a factor in making a pro rata selection. Negroes on the registration lists are in the ratio of 1 to 16, whereas in the total popu-

lation of the county they are in the ratio of 1 to 4.

3. Denial of permission to subpoena the grand jury lists over a 30-year period.

4. Denial of the motion to withdraw the plea and set aside the arraignment to enable the defense to file pre-arraignment motions.

5. Beatings of the accused men by law enforcement officers.

6. Impossibility of the defendants committing the crime because of the time element.

The Groveland case attracted nationwide attention last summer when a young white housewife claimed that she had been raped by four Negroes on a backwoods road. The charge initiated a reign of terror against Negro families in the area. One of the accused men was slain by a deputized mob. Three were arrested and convicted. Two received the death sentence and the third was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Says H-Bomb Won't Panic Soviet People

MOSCOW, Feb. 28. — Pravda commentator Ilya Ehrenburg today attacked American diplomatic blackmail with "the atomic bomb or the super-bomb."

For four years in a row the Americans have brandished the atom bomb, Ehrenburg said. Now that the effect of that has petered out, he added, they're pushing the new super-bomb.

"Bombs and 'super-bombs' mean principally blackmail," Ehrenburg wrote. "They think we Soviet people possess weak nerves."

"We've nerves, we've memory, we have experienced plenty. But they vainly think we will raise our hands up after listening to (President) Truman's utterances. . . ."

"We were not frightened then. . . . Those who stupidly thought they could scare us surrendered."

"Let the grocers and the haberdashers get busy with something else. Let them advertise their stocks of 'super-bombs'. Let the Republicans frighten the Democrats and the Democrats frighten the Republicans with new political scandals. . . . As far as we are concerned they are getting hot under the collar in vain."

Ehrenburg paid tribute to the American people, saying, like all the world's people they do not want war. But, he added, there are many naive people in America who do not understand politics.

As an example, he said that during the presidential election campaign Truman forgot the word "bomb" and talked only of "peace." When the election was over, Truman recalled the word "bomb" and forgot "peace."

"However, in America itself there is a daily increase of popular indignation with these outrageous threats. If the (atom) bomb caused the indignation of millions of people, the 'super-bomb' produces that effect on tens of millions."

Ehrenburg expressed confidence that "the American people know that we Soviet people hate war. . . . We know that Frenchmen, Italians, and Englishmen won't fight for the madmen in the White House."

Elsewhere on its pages, Pravda described America's breaking off of diplomatic relations with Bulgaria as "an unjustified act of aggression of American imperialists—thereby showing their true face to the whole world."

Pravda linked the espionage trials in Sofia, Bulgaria; Stettin, Poland, and Budapest, Hungary, into a "common pattern of aggressive aspirations of the imperialists of the U. S., Britain and France."

Labor Party's Margin Cut to 7

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee conferred with King George on the British political crisis tonight after final election returns cut the Labor Party's majority in the new House of Commons to a mere seven seats.

Attlee went to Buckingham Palace at 6 p.m. to consult the king.

Delayed returns from three Scots districts in last Thursday's parliamentary election gave the Conservatives two seats more and the Liberals one.

Final results of the election for 624 members of the 625-seat House of Commons were:

Labor and affiliates 315, Conservatives and affiliates 296, Liberals nine, Independent Liberal one, Irish Nationalists two, Speaker of Commons (non-voting) one. Labor majority over combined opposition, seven.

Voting in one district was postponed until March 9 because of the death of a candidate.

The popular vote for the 624 districts:

Labor and affiliates	13,197,265
Conservatives and affiliates	12,478,790
Liberals	2,608,984
Communists	89,644
Others	269,632

Total 28,644,315

Big 6 to Celebrate 100th Birthday

A little over 100 years ago a group of New York printers were summoned to a meeting. Printers in Boston, they were told, were striking and needed help.

The New Yorkers responded to the appeal for aid and thereafter met frequently to determine how best to help their brother printers. It was at these meetings that they decided to organize a union.

On Jan. 12, 1850, the first constitution was adopted and a week later 36 men were admitted to the New York Printers Union. Horace Greeley, an outstanding freedom fighter of his day, was elected president.

Fourteen local associations were present at the convention which

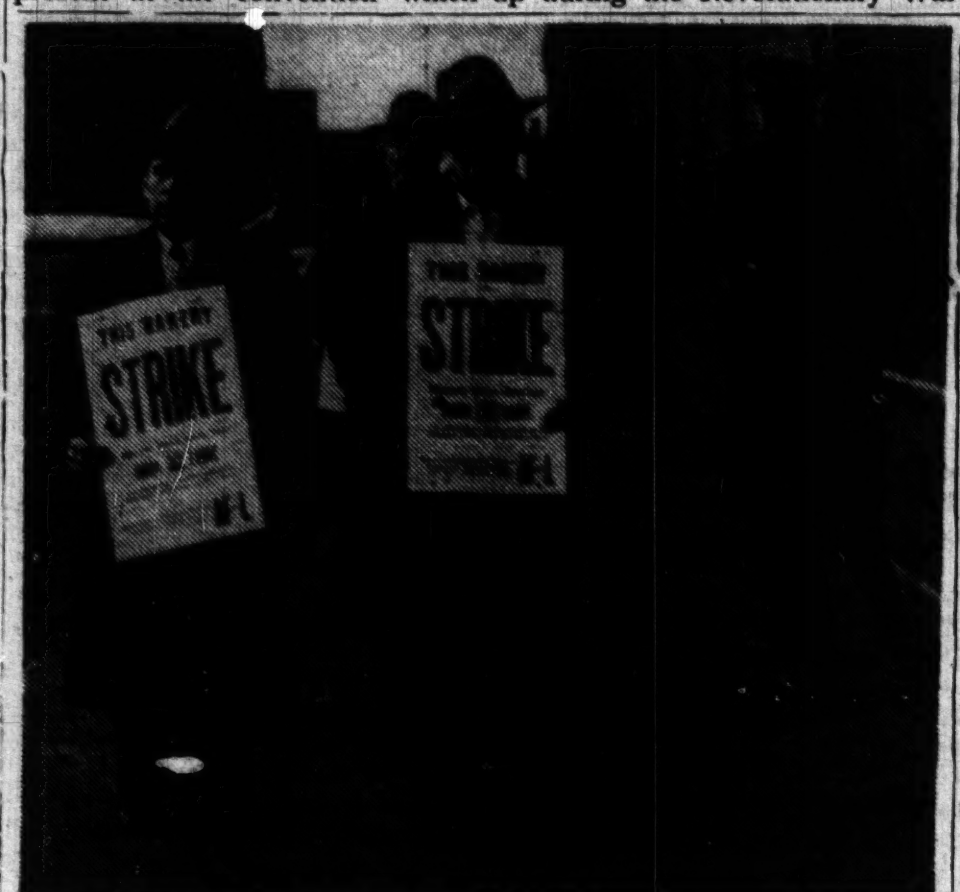
created the national body. Because there was no way of deciding which group should get the first charter, delegates drew lots for numbers. The New York delegation pulled no. 6.

Since then it has played a significant role in American life. Today it is preparing to celebrate its centennial between May 5 and May 14. During that period, the union will review its past and rededicate itself to continuing to lead its members along the path of progress.

Before Local 6 became a reality, several organizations had been formed by printers to better working conditions. The first was set up during the Revolutionary War

when New York City was occupied by the British. John Rivington, King's printer, owned the Gazette. The compositors set a wage scale to which he refused to agree. They struck and won. Having fulfilled their objective, they dissolved the organization.

In 1794 the Typographical Society was founded. It lasted two and one-half years. Five years later the Franklin Typographical Society was organized "to promote harmony among journeymen for philanthropic purposes." The society laid down minimum wage scales, sanctioned strikes for their achievement and generally exceeded its original declaration of purpose.



AFL BAKERS PICKET: Bakery Union leaders head mass picket line at Larsen Baking Co., Brooklyn, in fight for new contract with wage increases and other improvements. Leading line are Joseph Cappadona, Local 3 business agent, and Theodore Ellingsen, Larsen strike committee chairman.

Charge 3 ILWU Deserters in Raiders' Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28. — The desertion of three business agents of the San Francisco division of the International Longshoremen's Union confirms charges that they have been on the payroll of Dave Beck's Teamster raiders, it was declared here by Eugene Paton, president, and Richard Lynden, secretary, of Local 6, ILWU.

"Unable to sell a disruptive program to the members of Local 6," said Paton and Lynden, "three business agents, Dominic Gallo, Charles Ciolino, and Tony Koslosky, have resigned and openly aligned themselves with Dave Beck's Teamster raiders."

"The plans of the Teamsters officials to raid Local 6 of the ILWU-CIO, on a house-by-house basis are now in the open."

"For years the Teamsters officialdom has attempted to wreck this union through raiding operations. They have failed in the past. They will fail again."

"The desertion of a few officers of Local 6 took place after they were unanimously repudiated at a special convention of more than 400 delegates, representing the working rank and file from warehouses all over Northern California."

The striking miners need food. You can help by making a contribution through the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13 St., or the nearest Communist Party headquarters.

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VENEZUELA STUDENTS DEFY THREATS, HOLD PEACE RALLY

Special to the Daily Worker

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 28. —Despite police threats and special repressive laws, the Democratic Youth Front of Venezuela held a peace rally here. Students from universities all over the country were represented. The rally was held in observance of Venezuelan Youth Day, honoring the memory of Eutimio Rivas, a student who was assassinated by the police in 1937.

The meeting called for an active struggle for world peace, against the war plans of imperialism, for the restoration of constitutional guarantees, and an end to repression of the labor movement and to the military dictatorship now governing Venezuela.

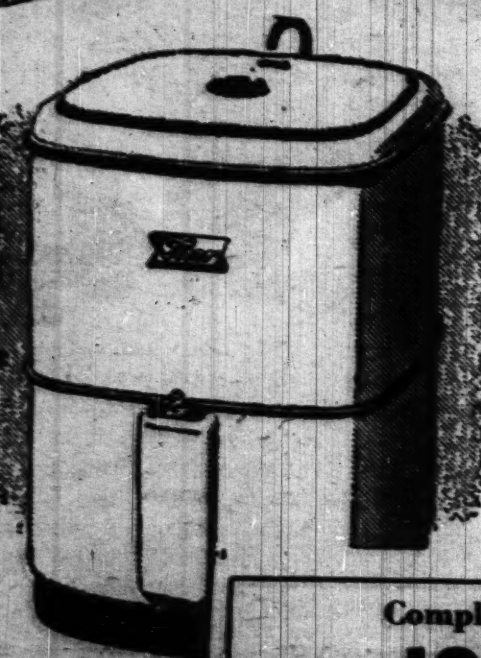
When leaving the meeting, the

youth were met by police, armed with rifles and machine guns. They were blinded by tear gas and brutally beaten with the butts of the rifles. Many were arrested.

Affiliates to WFTU

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 28 (ALN).—The Guatemalan Federation of Labor (CTG) resolved Jan. 30 to affiliate with the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL) and the World Federation of Trade Unions. Consisting of over 100 industrial and farm labor unions, the CTG explained its decision by saying that CTAL helps unite all Latin American workers against their traditional enemies, imperialism and domestic reaction.

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Foster Pays Tribute To Founder of Party

By Elmer O. Fehlhaber

CLEVELAND, Feb. 28.—The teachings of Charles E. Ruthenberg, first national secretary of the Communist Party, were lauded here in a letter by William Z. Foster, national Communist chairman at the annual Ruthenberg banquet opening the press and party fund drive in Ohio.

"Comrade Ruthenberg has won an eternal place in the minds and hearts of the labor and progressive movement in Ohio and this country," Foster wrote.

"Born in Cleveland of working-class parentage, himself a cabinet-maker in his youth, he early joined the Socialist Party and rose quickly in its ranks.

"Ruthenberg was opposed to and fought America's entrance into the imperialist war of 1914-1918. He was jailed after a giant anti-war rally in Cleveland, in May, 1918.

"It is significant that this uncompromising fighter against imperialist war was at the same time the foe of opportunism, the fighter against the treachery of the Socialist Party, and the founder of the Communist Party, whose secretary he remained until his untimely death in 1928.

"Ruthenberg and I worked side by side to build a party of a new type, a Marxist-Leninist party fused with the workers, part and parcel of the sinews of the American people.

"The forces of world socialism are infinitely stronger today than they were at the time of Ruthenberg's passing. But the teaching of Ruthenberg, the inseparable intertwining of struggle against imperialist war and building the party, remains a key task.

"Today, more than ever, the forging of an unbreakable unity of the working class, the Negro people, the toiling people generally, and all those desiring peace, is an indispensable condition for isolating the hysterical hell-bomb warmongers of American imperialism.

"The peace-loving people of the United States—overwhelming in numbers, can and must stop the instigators of war. The American people, led by the working class, need but to organize their forces and show no signs of fear before the deafening noises of reaction to achieve this.

"To this goal our party is dedicated, and it is to this that Ruthenberg, a true son of the American working class and our party, dedicated his life," Foster concluded.

The Ruthenberg banquet was a tribute, too, to Foster, whose birthday was celebrated on the same day.

A letter of greeting, read by Robert A. Campbell, was sent to Foster pledging that Ohio would "dig in and continue your struggle for peace, democracy and bread."

Two national leaders of the party, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Gus Hall, spoke at the gathering, where \$6,000 was raised as a starter in the fund drive. Com-



RUTHENBERG

rade Flynn warned that the time was short before the hearing of the appeal of the conviction of the national leadership of the party.

"We must build a strong, popular movement of the people. It is only in that way that the courts will be persuaded to hear the case and reverse the infamous conviction."

Hall said capitalism has "an inferiority complex" and refuses to debate the merits of its system as opposed to socialism.

"The leaders of socialism have said: 'Let's compete. Let's see who can produce the most.' But the capitalists duck that. They have no confidence in their ability or in their system of society."

Still Press for Anti-Davis Bill

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—The bill which would bar Communist Negro leader and former City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, from seeking public office remained before the Assembly Judiciary Committee today.

There was danger, however, that its sponsor, Assemblyman John R. Brook, Manhattan Republican, would press for its discharge this week.

Brook last night and again today made it clear he intended to seek passage of his bill which, ostensibly aimed at keeping "fellows" from holding public office, has as its target only one man—Benjamin J. Davis.

Protests can be sent to Sen. Pliny Williamson, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Assemblyman Harry Reoux, chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, and the co-sponsors Assemblyman Brook and Sen. Mitchell at the State Capitol, Albany.

Soviets Demand UN Act On 'Dachau of Greece'

By Robert Friedman

The Soviet Union has called upon the United Nations to end the horrors of the Makronisos concentration camp—the "Dachau of Greece."

In letters to Carlos P. Romulo, president of the General Assembly, and Trygve

Lie, secretary-general of the UN, Soviet delegate Jacob Malik urged immediate measures to halt the inhuman tortures and barbarous treatment to which political prisoners in the concentration camp on Makronisos Island in Greece are subjected.

The Soviet spokesman said that "every day of delay threatens many of the political prisoners there with death."

Malik enclosed a memorandum submitted by the British League for Democracy in Greece to the UN Human Rights Commission.

As of last month, there were 30,000 prisoners on Makronisos, according to the International Red Cross. Two weeks ago, the Athens regime sent 15,000 more there, 1,200 of whom were women.

Children, too, are among the prisoners of Makronisos.

Other prisoners include "unreliable" soldiers; "unreliable" regular officers; sentenced prisoners and those awaiting trial, and civilian exiles. The exiles are the men, women and children sentenced by secret "security committees" to be deported from their homes as "dangerous to public order," for an indefinite period—actually until such time as they sign a "repentance statement."

BOYS ROUNDED UP

These "security committees" have even sentenced children, in one instance a girl of 11, as "quite dangerous." A London Times dispatch of Nov. 17, 1949, described how young boys were rounded up and imprisoned merely because they were "suspected of giving information of assistance to the rebels."

A typical scene on this island of horrors was described in a recent Tass dispatch:

"Fifteen thousand imprisoned soldiers were lined up as spectators every time a new group of civilians was brought in. Right in front of them the new arrivals were beaten for hours, with rifle butts, clubs and iron rods. Officers and privates—executioners from the ranks of the military police—trampled upon those who lost consciousness and kicked the prisoners in the face with their hobnailed boots.

"This manhandling was so savage that five soldiers from among the involuntary spectators went insane."

SCHOOL OF TORTURE

By official edict the Makronisos death camp is a "National Reformatory School."

A publication which speaks for the British Foreign Office, *World Today*, has admitted the nature of this "school."

"It is unfortunate that the first days of the new school seem to

have been marked by a number of excesses on the part of overzealous guards," *World Today* asserted just last month. "Though there is no official information on these incidents, there seems little doubt about their authenticity."

Among the methods used to "re-educate" Makronisos prisoners, the following are most prominent: continual beatings; forcing prisoners to carry heavy stones from dawn until dusk and beating them until the victims collapse from exhaustion; tying prisoners in sacks, hurling them into the sea, pulling the victims in when they are on the verge of drowning and then repeating the process.

60 DRIVEN INSANE

Just before Christmas it became known throughout Athens that some 60 Makronisos prisoners had been driven insane by torture, while many others were suffering

Conference Sunday On Torture Camp

A mass conference for the abolition of the Makronisos concentration camp will be held Sunday at the Hotel Capitol, 51st St. and Eighth Avenue.

Among organizations and prominent individuals of the Greek-American community in New York who have endorsed the conference are: George Kyriagos, vice-president, Hotel & Club employees, Local 6; James Stephenson, president, Greek Fur Workers, Local 70; George Alexander, vice-president, Hellenic-American Brotherhood, IWO; Nicholas Kaloudis, secretary, Federation of Greek Maritime Unions, and Eve Sikelianos.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS OVERWHELM FOSTER

Scores of wires and messages greeting William Z. Foster on his 69th birthday last Saturday have been sent to the national chairman of the Communist Party, hailing him for his lifetime of leadership of the working class.

From Cuba came a greeting from Juan Marinello, president of the Popular Socialist Party, now meeting in its Sixth National Assembly, wishing Foster "a long life for the good of the revolutionary movement, anti-imperialist struggle and the achievement of peace."

STEEL WORKERS' GREETING

Steel workers from Gary, in a message from Jim West, Communist leader there, recalled Foster's leadership of the great 1919 steel strike.

The Chicago steel section of the Communist Party in a message from Jim Balanoff Jr., pledged to win 25 new members for the Party by May 1 "as the best birthday gift to you and the party."

Other messages came from: the Bronx Committee of the party, New York County Committee; East St. Louis City Committee; Railroad

Club of Chicago; the Maryland-District of Columbia; Los Angeles County Committee; New England District Committee; Missouri State Committee; Ann Burlak, New England Communist leader; the Johnstone Section and the Alabama District Committee.

Sends Thanks Through 'Daily'

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, sent the following letter to the *Daily Worker* to thank the many persons who have sent him birthday greetings:

May 1, through the columns of the *Daily Worker*, express my warm thanks for the many birthday greetings that I have received from the national committee, various state committees, and a large number of individual comrades. I very greatly appreciate these kindly sentiments. There are so many of them that I cannot reply to them individually.

Around the Globe

By Joseph Clark

U. S. Script Writers Jazz Up Tito's Lines

A LITTLE DRAMA is being enacted in Belgrade for the benefit of a world audience. Two actors are on the stage—Tito and George V. Allen, U. S. ambassador to Yugoslavia. Press agent for the show is M. S. Handler, New York Times correspondent in Belgrade. So far there have been three short acts.

Act I. The stage was set for the arrival of a top flight U. S. diplomat to Yugoslavia, George V. Allen. This character had just performed a "mission in another satellite, Iran, and before he left that country it was in his pocket, Shah and all. Allen was received by Tito, and a photograph sent to the world press showed the two engaged in friendly negotiations.

Act II. The time was just a couple of days after Allen met Tito. The Yugoslav dictator made a speech in which he allegedly breathed "defiance" at the U. S. But you have to watch the antics of the show's press agent to understand the meaning of Act II. Handler cabled a story playing up the Tito speech as an example of a fine kind of militancy and "communism," not the Stalin kind.

Act III. This is just a continuation of the second Act. Tito makes another "defiant" speech and Handler says:

"Marshal Tito conveyed the impression today (last Sunday) that he was hardly counting any more on financial and economic assistance from the United States. . . ."

THERE WILL be other acts in this drama but we've seen enough to understand its meaning. Tito is useless to the State Department and its Project X agents all over Europe unless the myth of his militant "communism" can be maintained.

This idea was very well worked out in an important pamphlet issued by the authoritative Foreign Policy Association. Entitled Eastern Europe Today its co-authors are Emil Lengyel and Joseph C. Harsch. The latter writes:

"Before the Tito break, American diplomacy based its operations in Eastern Europe largely on the hope of being able to exploit differences between the mass of the people and the governments. Particularly in Holland, Hungary and Yugoslavia the American embassies and legations maintained contact almost exclusively with the elements in the population which were hostile to the regimes."

"Since the Tito break this practice has gradually diminished." But, Harsch hastens to add, "Contact is still maintained with the dissident elements."

Harsch shows how Tito became the main reliance of the State Department. It had to change its tactics, Harsch says, because "the original tactic did not pay off." To put it bluntly, the new democracies caught the spies and "dissidents," as Harsch calls this select group of cut-throats. But here's the windfall Wall Street won. Harsch explains:

"From the point of view of power politics the Tito break was worth far more to the West than all the contacts maintained with the dissidents. One way of measuring its value is that it is costing a billion dollars to equip nine French divisions, while the Tito break brought 20 Yugoslav divisions potentially over to the Western side for nothing."

NOW, TITO is complaining about this "for nothing" business. The loans he's getting from the Export-Import Bank and from the U. S. are so few and far between. The price of betrayal is low these days.

All of Tito's "defiance" and "militancy" is necessary because it's only a "communist," like Tito, who can do the job for Project X. Again, here's how Harsch puts it:

"Bulgaria is a country where a real popular revolution is conceivable, with encouragement from Tito. If America were willing, it might also help Tito penetrate Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Tito's brand of communism is probably a more effective instrument for breaking up the Iron Curtain than Western liberalism, Western free enterprise or emigre groups."

Yes, the leaders of the New Democracies point out that the worst agents of the enemy are those who conceal themselves as Communists.

They caught Rajk; they caught Kostov. Tito was exposed and all the Allens, Handlers and Harsches won't be able to sell Tito as a Communist—to the people.

VIRGIL



Letters from Readers

Wants Title Of Poem

Montrose, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I wonder if any of your readers would know where I can

find the complete poem that contains the following line: "Go where the slums are the vilest and the flag of England is there."

I have consulted all the popular anthologies but haven't yet located it. J. LEE.

Press Roundup

THE HERALD TRIBUNE is displeased with the "terrifying" specter of world destruction via the Hell-bomb which four physicists raised the other day. There is no proof, argues the Trib, that "if a hydrogen bomb can be exploded" it will thereby "destroy the planet." Of course, were the bomb exploded and the world destroyed, the Trib would be the first to apologize.

THE NEWS offers a fascinating little tidbit about the popularity of Rep. Marcantonio around the globe. "Marc is the darling of Reds all over the world," the News explains, "except in Tito's anti-Moscow Yugoslavia."

THE MIRROR whoops it up for the demand by Sen. McCarthy that the State Department fire its gang of alleged "Red" employees. As far as we can make out, Hearst and his senatorial stooge distinguish thus between the "Communist" and the "non-Communist" State Department officials. The "non-Communists" want to bomb Russia right now. But those awful State Department "Reds" want to wait a while.

THE COMPASS' T. O. Thackrey says that President Truman's course of action in the coal dispute "places the government exclusively on the side of the operators against the miners—and the result is no agreement, and no coal."

THE TIMES brushes aside any suggestion that colonial peoples desire and fight for freedom from imperialist domination. "It has been part of the Comintern and Cominform doctrine since 1923 to stir up any sort of possible disorder in the 'colonial' areas and then to parade the disorder as the sign of the great yearning for 'freedom'

which Moscow ardently supported and which the 'reactionary' Western World cold-bloodedly opposed." They used to say of the monarchs of France that 'the Bourbons never forget anything and never learn anything.' Compared to the Times, the Bourbons were mental wizards.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN headlines: "Doped Leopard Captured; Drugged Meat Dazes Fierce Cat." How come the Hearstlings didn't add: "Reds Wring Confession From Jungle Citizen With Mystery Drug?"

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM's Thomas L. Stokes suggests that the fact that both Russia and the U. S. have "state control of atomic energy development" gives Russia a "kinship with us in this field." This similarity, he says, "would seem to offer an approach" toward an atomic agreement and, he adds, "It is suggested that the bridge for this gap might be found in such an emissary, for example, as David Lilienthal."

THE POST, which "buried" the Progressive Party the day before, somewhat nervously concluded subsequently that the corpse was unusually lively. So the Social Democratic hatchet man of things progressive spends another lengthy editorial on the party, in the course of which it unloads such gems as: "Tito was the forgotten man of the assemblage." The Post also "wonders" whether this was Wallace's "farewell address." That's funny, because a front-page Post headline once guaranteed that Wallace had quit politics. The essence of the Post diatribe is that the Progressive Party is "doomed" because it doesn't red bait. The Post's idea of a real success is its buddy James Carey, whose "let's-join-the-fascists speech the Post has yet to truly repudiate.—R. F.

World of Labor

By George Morris

Hearst Propaganda Won't Feed the Miners

As part of their contribution toward breaking the strike of the coal miners, the Hearst newspapers have launched a propaganda drive to disrupt the campaign of support for the hungry strikers. It is the Hearst fascist-like propaganda machine that inspired the silly yarn that "red leaflets" have been found in the food trucks sent to the miners from communities and unions.

A sample of the line directed by the Fuehrer of Saint Simeon was the page-long piece in Sunday's New York Journal-American featured under its main front page headline, "exposing" the Communist and leftwing union activities in support of the striking miners. The paper's red baiting expert spills out the results of a "survey taken by the Journal-American." The "survey" consists of clipping of the Daily Worker of the past week in which the activities in support of the miners were reported and stimulated.

As further proof that Communists and the left unions are active in support of the miners, several front page headlines of the Daily Worker are reproduced, like the one of Feb. 17 saying: "John Lewis Thanks Brooklyn ALP."

BUT WE are really "exposed" when Hearst's writer quotes a section of this column of Feb. 15 as evidence that the "plot" to help the miners was carefully hatched by the Communists. Here's the evidence unearthed by Hearst's newshound:

"A united front more far-reaching in scope and significance than any in many years in labor history is shaping in support of the fighting coal miners," writes Morris.

"It began several weeks ago when some stray local unions, noted for left influence in their ranks, passed resolutions calling for support of the embattled miners . . . not since the old days of long strikes and starvation have strikers been as appreciative of the 'ammunition' they need to keep the fight going."

The quote is remarkably accurate for a Hearst reporter. He might have noted, however, that in that same column we also pointed out how this left initiative stimulated some rightwing forces to fall in line and the relief movement became quite general. Even some rightwing leaders, willingly or under pressure of their rank and file, joined the movement. Hearst ignores that Philip Murray sent \$500,000 from his union.

The Hearst papers deserve our thanks for telling a great many more readers than we could reach that the Communists and the left unions sparked the movement for the miners. I am sure that all those on the left are proud of their part in this historic struggle.

Hearst isn't aiming to do us a favor, of course. He hopes to induce the miners to reject help on the ground that it is "red tainted." Hearst's "moral" concern over the source of the foodstuffs might have impressed some people if he had ordered his chain to initiate collections of food for the miners as did the Daily Worker with the warm welcome of the miners of Muse, Pa. Hearst did no such thing because, being part of the camp of the mine owners, he wants the miners to be starved back to work.

THERE ARE a few dupes even in mining towns who peddle Hearst-inspired lies like the one of "red leaflets" in the food trucks. Even some honest miners fall for that line. But I doubt that very many will go for it. Oldtime miners will recall the same type of red baiting experience in earlier days. Most miners will see in Hearst's campaign an application of the red baiting technique to "snatch food" from starving mine families.

As Hearst well knows, the injunction forbids the mine union even to ask for relief, much less distribute it. The only way is for unions, organizations and communities everywhere to "adopt" mining towns where the need is acute and insure that not a single man, woman or child of a striking family will starve.

The Hearst Journal-American writer, in his zeal to picture the relief movement as a "red plot," says the leftwing "has thrown its entire strength behind the national coal strike." I think he exaggerates a little. There is still a lot of strength, even in the leftwing, that hasn't been moved up in support of the miners. The fact that America's leading pro-fascist publisher is so infuriated over the support spreading for the miners should be good enough reason to roll out all the strength there is for them.

COMING: Jobless Are Gathering Again . . . by Robert Friedman . . . in The Worker this weekend

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Leopards In Striped Pants

THEY CAUGHT the savage leopard.

But will we now catch and tame the wild beasts who carry A-bombs and H-bombs in their hands?

The leopard kills only for food.

The cold war monsters—leopards in striped pants—kill for money, for profits.

The munitions makers and their hired hands on the radio and in the press are howling for blood. Blood means profit. They cry that the FIFTEEN BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR now going for guns and atom bombs is NOT ENOUGH. They say we are "defenseless" against the Russian people who lost 20,000,000 human beings defeating the Nazi swine who were saving the world from "Communism."

The Walter Winchells, the editors of Life Magazine who have investments in war corporations, the frightened renegades like James Burnham, are yelling for guns, bombs and blood. The cry for peace has filled them with a moral fear. What happens to war contracts if peace "breaks out?"

But, the clamor for sanity, for peace, for American-Soviet negotiations to outlaw atomic war is breaking through all barriers of fear, prejudice and manufactured anti-Soviet hate.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, meeting at Geneva, has unanimously passed a resolution condemning the H-bomb as a "sin against God", urging immediate direct American-Soviet talks to banish this hellish weapon from the world. From the most various groups in our country, similar appeals are being made.

Four leading atom scientists warned America three days ago that the H-bomb will start a radio-active fog that will destroy all human life. Certainly, it could murder millions and destroy entire cities at a single blow. But Secretary Acheson won't talk peace.

The irresistible logic of reality has thus made it impossible for the State Department and FBI political police to make the word peace a word of treason as was their plan. Europe is seething with the struggle for peace. French and Italian workers are not only declaring their refusal to be murdered on any new battlefields; they are refusing to unload the grisly weapons shipped to their countries to help murder them later on.

The peace movement has broken through every effort to strangle it by slander, persecution, FBI wire-tapping, Un-American Committee witchhunts and Foley Square frameups. The cold war criminals who want to betray the United States into a suicidal war have been unable to fasten the label of "disloyalty" on the desire for peace.

THE NATION IS BEGINNING TO WAKE UP to the fact that THERE IS NO PROTECTION FOR AMERICA IN AN ARMAMENTS RACE. We can't win in any A-bomb or H-bomb race. Instead of national defense and protection, the munitions makers are giving us sure-fire disaster, certain death, certain slaughter on a scale never before imagined.

NOT DEFENSE, BUT PROFIT is the real motive of the cold war maniacs who dread any peace settlement, any drop in world tension. They have their eyes solely on FAT WAR CONTRACTS. They are looting the national wealth to maintain profits in the face of the growing ECONOMIC CRISIS.

The trusts must find a new market. That manufactured GOVERNMENT-GUARANTEED MARKET is guns, A-bombs and H-bombs.

But the "inevitable war" hoax is not going down. The nation will not swallow it. It is too raw. The peace movement is marching forward. Not even police state terrorism will stop it. The demand for peace, the outlawing of atom war should rise in every trade union, church, school, university, and community. Have you done your share?

ROAD BLOCK

— By Ellis



Our Courts Are As Fair As the New York Times

By Max Gordon

THE MORAL CORRUPTION of our commercial press is sickeningly revealed by its essays on "justice" in connection with the Vogeler trial in Hungary. That monument to hypocrisy and fraud, otherwise known as the New York Times, editori-

ally, a slavocrat Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the head of the Slavocrat Democratic Party.

In 1886, the infamous Haymarket hangings now universally recognized as a frame-up, shook up America, and led to the establishment of an historic world labor holiday, May Day.

Then there was the Haywood-Moyer frame-up, exposed as such only after the entire nation was in a political ferment; the Tom Mooney case; the Sacco-Vanzetti case, the attempted Scottsboro judicial lynching. All these became world infamous and are now known as manufactured "guilty" verdicts. But they are only symptoms of an enormously widespread system of "justice". The vast majority of frame-up cases never reach public attention, and the victims die, or suffer otherwise, quietly.

THE FACT is sometimes even talked about openly. For instance, the TIMES' own Washington Bureau chief, Arthur Krock, discussing bi-partism policy toward the Communist nations, wrote in the peculiar jargon of Wall Street mythology, that it "is agreed that popular support of the Kremlin power behind the Iron Curtain should be divided and then reduced..."

The problem facing the policy-makers, Krock said, was "how to split off from Moscow powerful factions in the captive Balkans..."

It is interesting to note, that Krock, perhaps in an unguarded moment, admitted that the "Kremlin power" has "popular support" which needs to be disintegrated.

But how they squeal when one of their operatives is caught in the act! Americans just don't act that way, says the TIMES with mock indignation.

THE ARROGANCE of that newspaper in talking about a justice in America that is "impartial" and "non-political" is really breath-taking. Our ruling class comes honestly by its world notoriety for judicial frame-ups based on upholding the conditions of oppression.

The world was aghast at the Dred Scott decision, designed to bolster the slavocracy which ruled America in 1856. Abe Lincoln publicly charged that this decision was the result of a conspiratorial frame-up involving two slavocrat Presidents,

involving Communists today are such that to "talk of "democratic" or "impartial" trial by jury, is the most miserable type of deceit. Only the most rare type of individual, one who is determined to sacrifice his own safety and security and that of his family, would dare stand up and declare he believed the Communists not guilty. Such a man was not likely to get on the jury, whose members were thoroughly investigated by the FBI.

If that point was not entirely clear to the 12 jurors in the Communist Trial, it was made so by several events during the course of the trial. The first Hiss trial took place in the early days of the Communist proceeding. When the discussions and votes of the jurors in that trial were widely publicized in the magazines and newspapers, following the split verdict, some commercial journalists remarked quite openly that all hope of anything but a conviction in the Communist Trial was gone.

Every juror went into the jury room with the knowledge that if he did not immediately vote for conviction he would be publicly pilloried. Hence, even if we should assume that by chance some honest person got on the jury, the game was up regardless of what happened in the courtroom.

Then came the revelations of the Coplon trial in Washington concerning the FBI files on virtually every adult American. The jurors then knew, in addition, that every word they uttered and every vote they took would be recorded in the files of this secret police, which was the actual prosecutor in the trial before them.

What vile hypocrisy, then, to talk of "impartial", "non-political" trials in America today!

It is, incidentally, close to the time when the rigged conviction of the 11 Communists comes before the Court of Appeals. The voices of protest must grow, since it is sheer illusion to depend upon "impartial" courts.

THE CONDITIONS of a trial

Cops Persecute Negro Caretaker Of Synagogue

By Louise Mitchell

Herbert Hart, Negro caretaker of the Mapleton Synagogue in Bensonhurst Brooklyn, who was jailed after resisting an attack by white hoodlum, was released yesterday on bond. Community action is under way to defend Hart. One of Hart's assailants, a person named Famidgeo, is in Kings County Hospital.

Last Thursday night Hart, who lives in the synagogue attic with his wife, was attacked on the street by local roughnecks. He escaped to the nearby American Labor Party club at 65 St. and 20 Ave. A group of youngsters from the Labor Youth League, who were meeting in the club, protected Hart and his friend from the mobsters, who by this time had collected sticks and other weapons.

Police arrived at the ALP club and pushed Hart and his friend around. The police tried to intimidate the LYLers but did not disturb the hoodlums.

ATTACKED AGAIN

Hart was taken back to the synagogue by a group of LYLers. Later in the evening, the hoodlums broke into the synagogue, and ripped up some of the furniture for weapons to attack Hart. They proceeded to the attic but were stopped by Mrs. Hart who begged them to leave. All except two left. These two went to Hart's room and attempted to beat him.

In the fight that ensued, Hart defended himself by grabbing the weapons from the men. They left shortly afterwards.

Later that evening, detectives came to the synagogue and arrested Hart on charges of assault. He was released on bond on Saturday but was returned to jail when the condition of one of his assailants became worse. He was released yesterday.

On Sunday morning, community groups formed a Bensonhurst Committee to Defend Hart. Chairman of the group is Sam Margolis, chairman of the ALP club of the 19th A.D. On the committee are members of American Veterans Committee, Jewish War Veterans and other local groups.

A meeting has been set for tomorrow (Thursday) to plan actions for Hart's defense.

Drugged Meat Kills Leopard

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 28 (UP).—The leaping leopard of Lincoln Park zoo died tonight.

He died of an overdose of narcotics which led to his capture. He had eaten a chunk of horse-meat containing an ounce of chloral hydrate.

Dr. Fuchs Goes On Trial Today

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Dr. Klaus Fuchs goes on trial at Old Bailey Court tomorrow on two charges of giving away atomic secrets.

Hadassah Offices Picketed by Union

More than 50 members of the Social Service Employees' Union, UOPWA, participated in a noon hour picket line demonstration yesterday in front of the national office of Hadassah to protest the agency's attempt to destroy the union organization in Hadassah.

Bronxites Hit Jimcrow Camp

Plans by the East Bronx YM-YWHA to operate a children's camp with Jimcrow restrictions were assailed yesterday by Bronx community leaders.

The camp, which has operated for more than 10 years under the name of "Ella Fohs," was offered to the East Bronx "Y" several weeks ago by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, with a "gentlemen's agreement" that "no colored children" would be admitted. This policy is being protested by the "Y" staff and membership.

Community leaders have formed a Citizens Committee for a Non-Discriminatory East Bronx "Y" Camp. Ben Schiffman, president of the Adult Council of the East Bronx "Y," is temporary chairman.

Soviets

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from broken arms and legs and hemorrhages.

The death toll has mounted steadily. Those who die under torture are reported by the authorities as suicides or victims of disease. Some actually do commit suicide.

The list of Greek fascism's victims on Makronisos is long and documented.

Antoni Brilakis, former head of EPON (organization of Greek democratic youth) lost his voice from a brain concussion.

The teacher, Zrojanis, has spent more than two years on the island, during which he has been tortured, hospitalized and tortured again. During his most recent period of "freedom," he was used as a target by stone-hurling military police even after he lost consciousness.

UNIONIST MURDERED

Dimitris Tatakis, former leader of the Greek maritime unions, was recently murdered on Makronisos.

C. Despotopoulos, reader in philosophy of law at Athens University, was severely beaten and his arm broken, in an effort to make him sign a recantation. Despotopoulos was seen "behind the wire" of Makronisos by C. L. Sulzberger New York Times correspondent, who visited the island last August.

Basil Davidson, writing in the British New Statesman and Nation after a visit to Makronisos last month, declares that anyone who failed to vote for the rightwing parties in the 1947 election can be sent there.

In the classic pattern of the Nazis, who only started with the Communists, "anyone else—moderate, Socialist, Communist, pacifist or other non-conformist—is undoubtedly liable to arrest without trial and detainment without limit. It is in this atmosphere that a general election is being prepared for next April."

These forthcoming Greek elections—all parties except the extreme rightwing ones have been barred—will undoubtedly be hailed by the State Department and the Wall Street press as evidence of democracy and the success of the Truman Doctrine.

USSR

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ter the announcement ended, congratulating each other and wisecracking about the deterioration of living standards abroad.

There was rejoicing in Moscow tonight, as the official announcement confirmed recent rumor of a coming reduction in prices.

There were many parties in the Russian capital tonight.

The new low prices were toasted in the traditional vodka, and wine flowed freely. Enormous quantities of pancakes, caviar and sour cream were consumed in the happy city.

The price reduction announced today was the third since the basic currency reform of December, 1947, when the ruble was sharply devalued, rationing was abolished and a unified price system was established.

In April, 1948, the government announced 10 to 20 percent cuts in the prices of such items as tobacco, beer, vodka, caviar, wine, automobiles, radios, phonographs, watches, cameras and jewels.

Last March, Stalin and Malenkov signed a decree cutting the prices of some 45 items from 10 to 30 percent.

Last year's reduction affected such items as bread, flour, meats, sausages, canned goods, dairy products, clothing, fur, motorcycles and pianos. Prices of most of those products were cut again today.

The two previous price cuts saved Soviet consumers a total of about 157,000,000,000 rubles (about \$31,400,000,000).

CORRECTION

A typographical error appeared in the Fund Drive appeal of the National Communist Party, published in The Worker last weekend. The word "military" appeared instead of the word "militant."

The section of the appeal should have read: "We are the logical inheritors of all the best militant fighting traditions of the revolutionary working class in the struggles for all its immediate needs and for its final emancipation from capitalism."

GUBITCHEV-COPLON TRIAL

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legedly found in Miss Coplon's handbag after she was taken to FBI headquarters. One was a faked document planted on Miss Coplon by her former Department of Justice boss William Foley. Another contained character sketches of several of Miss Coplon's friends.

The character sketches, the prosecutor claimed, were material for an alleged espionage recruiting service.

The remaining documents, according to FBI agent Robert J. Lamphere, contained excerpts of FBI reports on alleged political and organizational activity of a number of American citizens and representatives of foreign governments.

Much material in the documents, it was brought out earlier, was procured by illegal interception of telephone conversations by agents of the FBI.

SPIES IN ROMANIA

One of the FBI documents revealed the setting up of a pro-U. S. spy and sabotage group in Romania, and planned to seek recruits for the group in Western Germany.

Another document stated the "subject" under FBI surveillance "arouses suspicion because he owns expensive photo equipment and traveled around the country."

Still another document asserted that a former secretary of Harold Ickes had the phone number of a Russian in address book.

Although Gubitchev is charged with conspiring to receive the so-called secret documents from Miss Coplon, the government so far has offered no evidence that he ever saw them before they were produced in court.

Kelly introduced an envelope containing \$125 which was taken from Gubitchev at the time of his arrest. The defense contends this money was Gubitchev's week's salary as a United Nations employee.

FBI agent Thomas J. McAndrews testified he quizzed Gubitchev at length in FBI headquarters. The Soviet engineer, the FBI man said, refused to answer any questions about the espionage charge, and demanded the Soviet

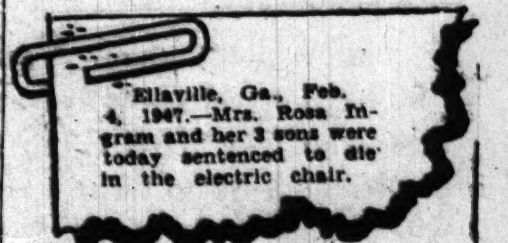
embassy be informed at once of his arrest.

McAndrews testified he advised Gubitchev he had the right to consult a lawyer. That was at 10 P. M. the night of the arrest. But Gubitchev was not permitted to phone his home until 5 A. M. the next day.

"Was he allowed to call an attorney or a representative of the Soviet Embassy?" Pomerantz asked.

"I understand the Department of Justice in Washington was called," McAndrews replied. "The Department of Justice called the State Department, which in turn got in touch with the United Nations."

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Wallace

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union would comply with the government's subpoena for the letter and would search its files for it. He made it clear, however, that the union would fight Moribroadcast an answer shortly afterwards, declaring: "I think that among the political documents of recent times which have as their aim consolidation of peace, the setting up of international cooperation, and the insuring of democracy, the open letter of Mr. Wallace . . . is the most important document."

For his devotion to the cause of peace, Wallace has been labeled by the big business press as "pro-Communist, pro-Soviet and un-American." As he put it in his Chicago speech Friday night, he has had "as many tons of foul printer's ink and as many vibrations of false air waves" directed against him as any man in our history.

Such labeling has been both inaugurate and unjust. Wallace has at all times spoken for a cause which is essentially in the interest of America and of the American people. Moreover, Wallace has, as his speech revealed, some fundamental reservations and criticisms concerning Communism and the Soviet Union.

RESERVATIONS

His reservations are, in my opinion and in the opinion of others besides Communists, groundless. His criticisms against the Soviet Union are without justification. And although a person holding Wallace's views can nevertheless make a valuable contribution to the fight for world peace, these criticisms are in fact contradictory to that program.

For instance, Wallace stated a truth with which few will disagree. "It is inhuman," he said, "for political and ideological leaders of this country or other countries to dismiss without recourse possibilities of peace."

Later on in that same speech, he said: "The U. S. and Russia stand out today as the two big brutes of the world. Each in its own eyes rests on high moral principles—but each in the eyes of other nations is guided by force and force alone."

One might define a brute as something inhuman which accomplishes its aims by force. The term does not fit the American people, but it does accurately describe the hydrogen bomb policies of the Truman Administration.

Does it fit the Soviet Government? Obviously not. The Soviet Government has not, to use Wallace's phrase, "Dismissed without recourse the possibilities of peace." This disservice to the cause of peace was done by Truman, by Secretary of State Acheson, and by the Republican leadership, as Wallace himself pointed out.

When Wallace, in his open letter to Stalin, put forward six points as the basis for peace negotiations, it was the representative of the

Soviet Government who quickly responded with a favorable reply. No such favorable comment came from Truman or any other representative of the Truman government.

The use of force, and the threat of force, has been the chief weapon of the Truman Administration. In Greece and China it was used in an effort to prevent dependent peoples from throwing off the yoke of the dollar and the pound sterling. It is the U. S., not the USSR, which has armed reactionary and fascist cliques around the world. It is the U. S., not the USSR, which has made atomic weapons its chief instrument of foreign policy.

MARXISM-LENINISM

Wallace pointedly stated that he and the Progressive Party do not believe in Marxism-Leninism. That is their privilege. But Marxism-Leninism is a principle which has nothing in common with the exercise of force by a minority over a majority.

Marxism-Leninism is the essence of scientific socialism, guiding people throughout the world by principle, not by force, to build a better world devoid of exploitation, discrimination, hunger and war.

To equate the representatives of these principles with the imperialists of the Truman Administration is to do violence to truth. For it is the monopoly capitalists of Wall Street and their agents in the Pentagon and the White House whose only principle is force, force which can be bought with dollars.

"We are not materialists," said Wallace. That also is his privilege. But we Marxists are proud that we are materialists, for we have found in the materialist teachings of Marx a science and a body of principle through which we believe the peoples of all countries can achieve a world in which force and brutality have no part.

Because we are, however, not so "doctrinaire" as some have charged, we welcome the opportunity to work with all persons who, like Henry Wallace, are sincerely devoted to the cause of peace, regardless of other differences, some of them, I should add, quite fundamental.

Leopard

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recaptured Leopard on drugged horsemeat!

There is an inspiring symbol in the fact that Leopard, in leaping upward to freedom, was doing exactly the opposite from Madame Kasenkina, who had earlier leaped downward to freedom. The free world watches in horror as the long night closes in on Oklahoma City.

As Secretary of State Dean Acheson drafts a stern note warning Oklahoma City that Leopard's "confession" while under drugs is rejected by all the nations of the Atlantic Pact, that heroic spirit has smuggled out this message to all enemies of totalitarianism:

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On Jan. 12, 1850, the first constitution was adopted and a week later 36 men were admitted to the New York Printers Union. Horace Greeley, an outstanding freedom

fighter of his day, was elected president.

Fourteen local associations were present at the convention which created the national body. Because there was no way of deciding which group should get the first charter, delegates drew lots for numbers. The New York delegation pulled no. 6.

Since then it has played a significant role in American life. To

day it is preparing to celebrate its centennial between May 5 and May 14. During that period, the union will review its past and rededicate itself to continuing to lead its members along the path of progress.

Before Local 6 became a reality, several organizations had been formed by printers to better working conditions. The first was set up during the Revolutionary War when New York City was occupied by the British. John Rivington, King's printer, owned the Gazette. The compositors set a wage scale to which he refused to agree. They struck and won. Having fulfilled their objective, they dissolved the organization.

In 1794 the Typographical Society was founded. It lasted two and one-half years. Five years later the Franklin Typographical Society was organized "to promote harmony among journeymen for philanthropic purposes." The society laid down minimum wage scales, sanctioned strikes for their achievement and generally exceeded its original declaration of purpose.

Attlee Renames His Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 28. — Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee announced tonight a new cabinet. All top-ranking men were kept in their old posts.

Ku Kluxer in Alabama Jailed In Murder Case

ASHEVILLE, Ala., Feb. 28. — A Ku Klux Klansman's "confession" just before he killed himself led today to the arrest of two men, one of them a minister and KKK organizer, on charges of the mob murder of a rural storekeeper.

The Rev. Alvin Horn, rated by Imperial Wizard Sam Roper of the Georgia Klan as a "mighty good man," was jailed with Claude Luker of Talladega, charged with the murder of Charlie Hurst, 39, who was slain last week just after he told his son, "I think the Ku Kluxers are coming for me."

Sheriff Ira Davis said the case began "breaking" when Roy Heath, a Talladega Klansman shot himself to death Sunday night. William Heath, a nephew, told authorities that the day before his uncle revealed to him that he had ridden with four other men to Hurst's place.

Bill Would Put Unions Under 'Trust' Curbs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP). — Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich) introduced legislation today to make labor unions liable to court injunctions if they violate the anti-trust laws.

Under the measure, unions could be held in violation of the anti-trust statutes if they "restrain or minimize" trade or endanger the national economy.

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MORNING

9:30-WOR-Food-Alfred W. McCann
WQXR-Piano Personalities

9:45-WNBO-Woman's Place
WJLA-Missus Goes A-Shopping
WQXR-Composer's Varieties

10:00-WNBO-Welcome Travelers
WJLA-Henry Gladstone
WJLA-My True Story
WJLA-Bing Crosby Show
WQXR-Morning Melodies

10:15-WOR-Martha Deane Program
WJLA-Arthur Godfrey Show

10:30-WNBO-Marriage for Two
WJLA-Betty Crocker Magazine
WJLA-Health Talk

10:45-WNBO-Dorothy Dix
WJLA-Victor H. Lindlahr

11:00-WOR-News
WJLA-Modern Romance
WQXR-News, Anna Vesting
WJLA-We Love and Learn
WJLA-Headlines in Chemistry

11:15-WNBO-Dave Garroway Show
WQXR-Rudy Vallee Show

11:30-WJLA-Jack Berch
WJLA-Quiz Program
WJLA-Grand Slam-Quiz
WQXR-Along the Danube

11:45-WNBO-David Harum
WJLA-Rosemary
WQXR-Luncheon Concert

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBO-News Roundup
WJLA-Kate Smith
WJLA-Ladies Be Seated
WJLA-Wendy Warren
WQXR-News, Luncheon Concert
WJLA-Midday Symphony

12:15-WNBO-Norman Brokenshire
WJLA-Aunt Jenny
WQXR-Get More Out of Life

12:25-WJLA-News
12:30-WNBO-Helen Trent
WQXR-News Reports
WJLA-News, Herb Sheldon

12:45-WNBO-Our Gai Sunday
WQXR-Luncheon at Sardi's

1:00-WNBO-Mary Margaret McBride
WJLA-Big Sister
WJLA-News

1:15-WJLA-Nancy Craig Program
WJLA-Ma Perkins-Sketch
1:30-WNBO-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
WQXR-Hollywood Theatre

1:45-WNBO-The Guiding Light-Sketch

2:00-WNBO-Double or Nothing
WJLA-Ladies Fair
WJLA-Welcome to Hollywood
WJLA-Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR-News, Record Reviews
WJLA-Famous New Yorkers

2:15-WNBO-Perry Mason
2:30-WNBO-Today's Children
WQXR-Queen for a Day
WJLA-Nora Drake
WJLA-Hamilton Coff
WJLA-Symphonic Matinee
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30

2:45-WNBO-Light of the World-Sketch
WJLA-The Brighter Day
WQXR-Musical Memory Game

3:00-WNBO-Life Can Be Beautiful
WJLA-Second Honey Moon
WJLA-Bride and Groom
WJLA-Nona, Sketch
WQXR-News, Symphonic Matinee

3:15-WNBO-Road of Life
WJLA-Hilltop House

3:30-WNBO-Pepper Young-Sketch
WJLA-Houseparty
WJLA-Pick a Date: Buddy Rogers
WQXR-Answer Man

3:45-WNBO-Right to Happiness
WQXR-Answer Man

4:00-WNBO-Backstage Wife
WQXR-Barbara Welles
WJLA-Garry Moore Show
WJLA-Surprise Package
WQXR-News, Records

4:15-WNBO-Stella Dallas
4:30-WNBO-Lorena Jones
WQXR-Dean Cameron Show
WJLA-Happy Landing

4:45-WNBO-Young Wilder Sings
WJLA-Pat Barnes

5:00-WNBO-When a Girl Marries
WQXR-Mark Trail-Sketch
WJLA-Challenge of Fakes
WJLA-Galen Drake
WJLA-Music
WQXR-News, Today in Music

5:15-WNBO-Portia Fane Life
WQXR-Record Review

5:30-WNBO-Just Plain Bill

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS
Wednesday, March 1

PM

9:00-Groucho Marx show.
WCBS.

9:30-Bing Crosby show. WCBS.

10:30-On Trial. WJZ.

TV

8:00-On Trial. WJZ.

9:00-Abe Burrows Almanac.
WCBS.

9:00-Television Theatre. WNBT.

9:30-Boving (St. Nick's). WCBS.

WOR-Tom Mix, Sketch
WJZ-Sky King
WCBS-Hits and Misses, Quiz
WQXR-Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBO-Front-Page Farrell

EVENING

6:00-WOR-Lyle Van
WJZ-News
WCBS-Eric Sevareid
WQXR-Music to Remember

6:15-WNBO-Sports
WOR-On the Century
WJZ-Johnny Thompson

6:30-WNBO-Henry Morgan
WQXR-News
WCBS-Curt Massey Show
6:45-WNBO-Three Star Extra
WOR-Stan Lomax
WCBS-Lowell Thomas

7:00-WNBO-Frank Sinatra Show
WOR-Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ-Scullin Show
WJZ-Edwin C. Hill
WJZ-Masterwork Hour
WQXR-News, Keyboard Artists

7:05-WJZ-Headline Edition
7:15-WNBO-News of the World
WOR-Answer Man
WCBS-Jack Smith, Variety
WJZ-News

7:30-WNBO-Guy Lombardo
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WCBS-Club 15-Variety
WJZ-Lone Ranger
WQXR-Jacques Fray

7:45-WOR-Bill Lang
WCBS-Larry Lester
8:00-WNBO-This Is Your Life
WOR-Can You Top This
WJZ-Dr. I. Q. Quiz
WCBS-Mr. Chameleon-Sketch
WQXR-News, Symphonic Hall

8:30-WNBO-The Great Gildersleeve
WOR-Boston Blackie
WJZ-Mind Over Music
WJZ-Gregory Hood-Sketch
WCBS-Dr. Christian
WQXR-Literature, Masterpieces

9:00-WNBO-Break the Bank
WJZ-Sherlock Holmes
WCBS-You Put Your Life
WOR-Mr. Feathers

9:30-WNBO-Mr. District Attorney
WJZ-Buzz Adlam
WOR-Family Theatre
WCBS-Bing Crosby Show
WQXR-Let's Celebrate

9:45-WQXR-Great Names
10:00-WNBO-Big Story-Sketch
WJZ-Lawrence Walk Show
WOR-Frank Edwards
WCBS-Burns and Allen Show
WQXR-Opera Preview

10:15-WOR-Calling All Detectives
10:30-WNBO-Curtain Time
WCBS-Lum and Abner
WJZ-On Trial
WOR-The Symphonette
WQXR-Riot Classics



MOVIE GUIDE

- Excellent • Good
- **THE BICYCLE THIEF.** Another fine film by Vittorio De Sica, the master of Shee Shine. Manhattan-World Theatre.
 - **IVAN PAVLOV.** An interesting science film on the life of the Soviet scientist. Manhattan-Stanley.
 - **THE FIRST FRONT.** An important political document, the story of the defensive war for Stalingrad. Manhattan-Thalia.
 - **THE RAINBOW.** A revival of the famous Soviet film about a Russian village in the path of the Nazi machine. Manhattan-Irving Place.
 - **FAKE IS THE SPUR.** A remarkable British film about a Labor Party renegade, with a perfect performance by Michael Redgrave. Manhattan-Trans-Lux, Colony, Grace Square.
 - **THE TITAN.** Worth seeing for its shots of Michael Angelo's sculpture. Manhattan-Little Carnegie.
 - **TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND.** What happens to an island of the Hebrides when its supply of Scotch runs out. Manhattan-Trans-Lux 60th St.
 - **RED SHOES.** Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan-Bijou.
 - **QUARTET.** Polished and witty stories of Somerset Maugham. Manhattan-Art.
 - **CINDERELLA.** Walt Disney's animation of the fairy tale has included some charming animal characters, fine for children. Manhattan-Mayfair.
 - **BETWEEN ELEVEN AND MIDNIGHT.** Louis Jourvet gives a suave performance in a better than average murder mystery. Manhattan-55th Street Playhouse.
 - **THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY.** A group of short, early D. W. Griffiths films.
 - **STAGE FRIGHT.** An entertaining and pleasant murder mystery with some fine British actors, directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Manhattan-Music Hall.
 - **THE WENCH.** An interesting French movie about a country girl on the same bill with DeDee. Manhattan-Squire.
 - **WOMAN TROUBLE.** A light Italian comedy distinguished by a wonderful performance by Anna Magnani, on the same bill with the French film Tainted with Pierre Fresnay. Manhattan-Apollo.
 - **WOMAN OF DOLWYN.** The first two-thirds of this film is a brilliant account of the death of a town overrun by expanding capitalism, the rest melodrama. Manhattan-Riviera.
- Skip**
- **THE RED DANUBE.** Dreary slander about the Soviet Union's policy in Austria.

Around the Dial:

'We Take Your Word' Among Better of New 1950 Shows

By Bob Lauter

GENERALLY SPEAKING, the new crop of 1950 radio shows have little to recommend them. More mysteries, more serial dramas, more quizzes, more of the same, in other words, have left radio just about where it was when the year ended.

At 10:30 on Sunday nights, however, you can hear a new program in quiz form, without grandiose prizes, which makes a pleasant half hour's entertainment. It is **We Take Your Word.** John K. M. McCaffery runs the proceedings, and Abe Burrows, Lyman Bryson, and a guest, try to answer his questions.

The program is based on words or popular expressions submitted by the audience. You get a prize if your word or expression is used. Then the experts are asked to tell the word's derivation or to explain how a popular expression came into being. After the experts try, a "voice of authority" gives the authoritative answer.

Thus you learn that the word salary does not come—as Abe Burrows thought—from the Latin *salus* meaning health, but from the Latin *sal* meaning salt, deriving from a period in history when salt was used as money. Burrows mixes a little erudition with a lot of wisecracks which keep the show lively. He was, for instance, explaining that the term wages usually applies to labor, while salary has a different application. "Salary," said Burrows, "you get for the wages of sin."

You learn that the word "bunk" derives from "bunkum," and that "bunkum" was originally "buncombe" after Buncombe County, North Carolina. Seems that a Con-

gressman from that county once made a long-winded speech in Congress (in 1820), in the course of which he declared that he was speaking not for Congress, but for Buncombe.

As for "baloney," as used in the phrase, "that's a lot of baloney," the word was once applied to old

tough bulls fit only for making sausage. Then it was applied to a devaluated dollar known as the "baloney dollar."

All in all, **We Take Your Word** offers a pleasant way to get a new glimpse at your language, and a couple of chuckles along the way.

SERIOUS READING ABOUT PIX IN NEW ISSUE OF 'FILM SENSE'

By Jose Yglesias

THE FEBRUARY issue of **Film Sense**, the magazine published monthly by the film division of the ASP, is out again and provides one with the opportunity, infrequent in most American periodicals, to do some serious reading about movies. This month's is headed off by an interesting and informative interview with the famous Paul Strand, director of *Native Land*, who has recently returned from Europe.

The interview with Strand elicited his experiences in Czechoslovakia where he attended the film festival at Prague. Strand talks about the workers' audiences who came to see his film and hear him talk. In reference to his participation at the film conference at Perugia, Italy, Strand recounts how workers put pressure on theater owners to get *The Bicycle Thief* shown in commercial theaters. My only dissatisfaction with

the article is that the interviewer didn't tell us more.

TOM TINDLER concludes in this issue his study of D. W. Griffiths, compressing in relatively little space the significant history of Griffith's Negro-baiting film, *Birth of a Nation*. Another important article deals with stocks in trade of Cecil B. DeMille, and while Jay Starr, its author, is informative, his evaluations of DeMille are often too hurried and light. It sometimes appears that he condemns DeMille's sex pictures not because of their immorality, but because they present a picture of sex which is beyond the pocket-book of the majority of his audiences.

FILM SENSE reviews the current movies and also offers tips on 16mm. films available to clubs and organizations. It is also reviewing books on or about Hollywood, *The Dream Merchants* being the only one treated in this issue, perhaps at too great a length. The magazine has great possibilities of growth if it receives sufficient support and to this end its editors have many avenues they could explore: more striking and controversial subjects could be treated, it seems to me. Still, as it is **Film Sense** makes interesting and worthwhile reading.



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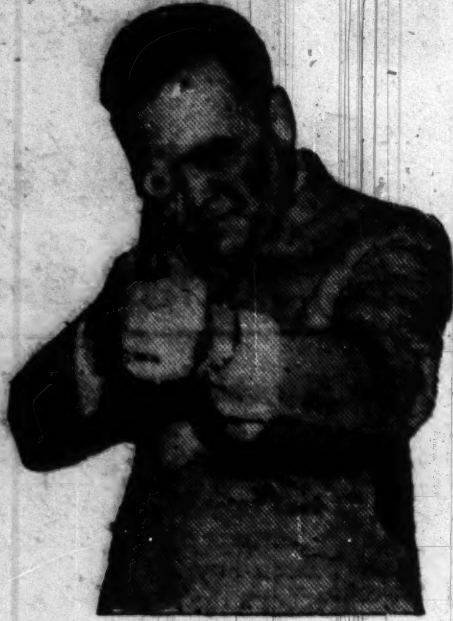
Robert Ryan Passes FBI 'Loyalty Test'

By David Platt

RKO'S RED-BAITING film *Woman on Pier 13* (formerly *I Married a Communist*) stars Robert Ryan as a San Francisco shipping executive who unknown to his wife, Laraine Day, is an FBI stoolpigeon within the ranks of the Party.

A number of sequences in the picture were shot on location at the Bethlehem Shipyards in Wilmington, Cal., which are still under Navy control. Because of this no visitors of any kind were permitted to watch the shipyard scenes. Furthermore, the names of all members of the production crew and cast, including stars Laraine Day, Robert Ryan and John Agar, had to be sent to Washington for checking and clearing before the Navy would approve the use of the shipyards as a film set.

Oddly enough Robert Ryan was cleared by the FBI despite his connection with Crossfire, a previous RKO film against anti-Semitism produced directed by Adrian Scott and Edward Dmytryk of the 'subversive' Hollywood Ten. No doubt Ryan's acceptance of the part of the FBI stoolpigeon in *Woman on Pier 13* was a major factor in his clearance by Washington.



J. EDGAR HOOVER

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HAVE THE NEWSREELS changed much in the last 10 years? Judge for yourself from the following excerpt from an article on newsreels which we wrote for the *Daily Worker* in February, 1940—exactly 10 years ago:

"How much real news is being reported by the five newsreel agencies (Movietone News, News of the Day, Paramount News, RKO Pathe News and Universal Newsreel). The answer is very little. The major part of the newsreels these days is given over to clips on war. Sports, fashions, aviation, accidents and disasters (floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, train wrecks) absorb a good part of the remaining footage. The peace movement in the U.S. and abroad is hardly ever represented. When it is it is misrepresented. There are few clips on unemployment and on the vital problems of the two-thirds of the nation that are ill-housed and ill-fed. Such clips as do appear are either slanted for laughs or favorable to the employer. Horse-racing and freak storms are newsreel favorites. Police dogs in graduation exercises and blossoms blooming on Easter bonnets are big attractions. When the tomb of King Psou-sennes is discovered somewhere in Egypt the cameras are there. When Seabiscuit runs his head off the cameras grind away. But when the KKK raids a tenant farmer down in Alabama, Movietone News' Lew Lehr is usually feeding seabiscuit to the lions. The newsreels deal largely in freaks and multi-millionaires. They are interested in primary elections, dirt track motorcycle races, police dogs, glass hats, leap years, press club dinners and brass hat affairs. They are not interested in Mr. and Mrs. America."

Seems to us that the above clips of 10 years ago, could pass for any newsreel currently in circulation.

J. CARROL NAIISH and David Niven have formed a company to produce a series of Arsene Lupin stories at the rate of two a year with Naish playing Ganinard, the French detective, and Niven portraying the famous suave crook.

HOLLYWOOD NEWS ITEM: "In private life he lives simply. His normal diet is plain dog biscuits garnished with gravy. Occasional dishes or raw or cooked meat are approved but what gives him the greatest possible pleasure is a nice piece of liver." Shove over Lassie!

BUSINESS WEEK predicts that television set ownership will hit the 8,000,000 mark by the end of 1950. About 4,000,000 sets are now in use. The growth of television, the publication says, is slightly ahead of where radio was at a comparable age.

MAE WEST SAYS: "What this country needs is more marriages, more homes and a bonus for every baby."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "Billy, let me Col" (The Outlaw.)

THEY DON'T MAKE 'EM LIKE THIS ANY MORE: In 1909 Gaumont released *The Politician*, about a French politico whose house is stripped of its furniture when his constituents call to remind him that he has not kept his election promises.

March Masses & Mainstream Fights On The Cultural Front

Masses & Mainstream's March issue hits the newsstands this week with what amounts to a scoop of first-rate importance: a group of poems by Nazim Hikmet, the greatest living poet of Turkey, a Communist who has already spent 13 years in prison of a 28-year sentence imposed for "subversive" writing by Truman's great "democratic" ally. These poems are printed for the first time in English; the latest poem, dated October, 1949, is "to Paul Robeson."

Particularly appropriate, not only in relation to the present strike of the coal miners, but also approaching International Women's Day, March 8, is an article by Joseph Leeds on the already fabu-

lous leader, Mother Jones, militant organizer of the miners in the Pittsburgh and West Virginia coal fields. It is entitled "The Miners Called Her Mother."

Charles Humboldt writes on *Freedom and Responsibility*, a study in Marxism and esthetics.

Morris U. Schappes contributes a study of the question of progressive Jewish culture.

The full story of the fight around the Trenton Six is brought up to date in a work of literary reportage by Milly Salwen and Philip Bonosky.

With this issue, editor-in-chief Samuel Silen begins a regular monthly feature, *Our Time*, of commentary on issues on the cultural and ideological front.

Books:

James Burnham's Fantastic but Dangerous Anti-Soviet Tirade

By David Carpenter

ANY HOPEFUL reactionary who reads *The Coming Defeat of Communism* by James Burnham

THE COMING DEFEAT OF COMMUNISM. By James Burnham. 278 pp. New York. John Day. \$3.50.

because of the title is sure to be disappointed. This book is not a prediction of things to come. It is only the long and jittery whistle of a frightened panicky fellow staggering through the graveyard of capitalism.

Burnham is haunted by the spectre of communism. He has been haunted for quite a while now, as his previous books attest. It is obvious why this is so. Burnham left his ivory tower in the early Thirties to flirt with communism during the great depression. Then like a number of his fellows who decided it was better to make their peace with their capitalist masters, he made the transition of renegacy across the bridge of Trotskyism to the camp of reaction.

BUT BURNHAM, in his short period in the camp of communism, in the longer period within the ranks of Trotskyism, whence he sought to disrupt the forces of progress, learned something of the power of the ideas of communism among the people and in the working class, and of their discontent with exploitation by capitalism.

It is his own personal fear of the doom awaiting capitalism that induces a panic in Burnham. And it is this panic that makes Burnham so fantastic and at the same time so dangerous in the proposals he makes for "defeating" communism.

Burnham is dissatisfied with the cold war the Truman Administration is waging against the Soviet Union, China, the People's Democracies, the German Democratic Republic, the colonial and semi-colonial peoples and the progressive forces in the capitalist countries.

One of his complaints is that the American occupation forces in Germany did not attempt to push through the Soviet zone by military action when the Berlin conflict occurred in 1948. Of course, Burnham says, that might have

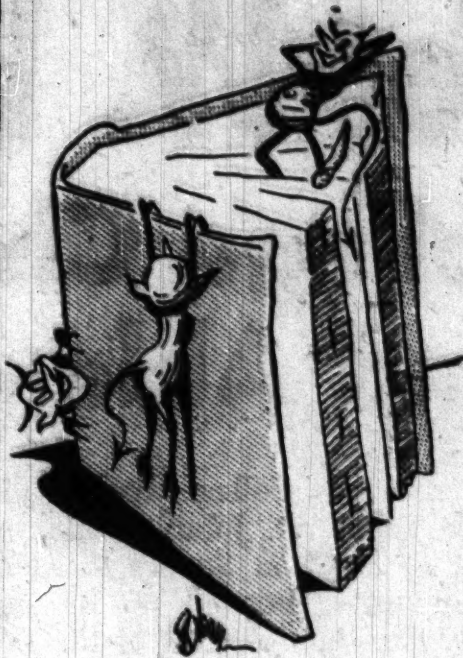
Book Note

International Publishers has brought out a new pamphlet, *The Citizen Writer: Essays In Defense of American Culture*, by Albert Maltz, one of the Hollywood Ten and a novelist, screenwriter and playwright of wide renown. The price is 25 cents.

This pamphlet, by the author of *The Journey of Simon McKeever*, *The Underground Stream*, and other popular books, contains a group of papers each occasioned by a different public meeting. Although, as he points out in a prefatory note, "originally they were not conceived as units in a pattern of thought, they have become that because of the times in which we live. They are offered here as reflections of a point of view about writers and society, and are presented in the sequence of their writing and delivery."

The booklet contains seven separate essays, as follows: *The Citizen Writer*, *The Writer as the Conscience of the People*, *Testament*, *The American Artist* and *The American Tradition*, *The Verdict of History*, the *Anti-American Conspiracy*, *Books Are On Trial in America*.

The booklet is especially useful because it serves to alert Americans to the threat to the Bill of Rights inherent in the present repressive attacks on the people's liberties.



precipitated a war with the Soviet Union. If so, he proclaims, that's all right, too, since it will have to come anyhow.

BUT HE TRIES to fool his readers into believing that war won't happen that way, because the Soviet Union is weak internally and cannot withstand aggressive pressure from the United States government.

Burnham then proceeds to the fantastic proposition that the United States government present a "deal" to the Soviet Union. But what a "deal!" We are to tell the leaders of the USSR to liquidate their socialist society and model themselves on capitalism. If they do that, then Burnham says, the U. S. will promise not to conquer the Soviet Union in war.

BURNHAM HIMSELF believes that such a fantastic proposal will be rejected by the USSR. But he hopes that there will be some leaders who are afraid of the power of American imperialism who will respond to such a proposition and

organize subversive groups to cooperate with U. S. agents to surrender the USSR to capitalism.

It is only natural for Burnham to have such a plan. After all, he was a leading figure in Trotskyism during the period when it attempted to carry through such a plan in the Soviet Union. And his break with the Trotskyites came peculiarly enough when it became clear that the Trotskyite plot was doomed to failure.

Burnham has now expanded this plan to include every country in which the people have achieved liberation from capitalism. He wants billions of dollars expended for subversive activities in the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe.

But Burnham knows that this has been tried and is still continuing without success. So he ends up with the cry for war as inevitable if the United States is to maintain its capitalist system.

And to guarantee that these plans be carried out, he proposes the destruction of civil liberties in the United States and its satellite countries under cover of suppression of the Communist Parties.

BUT AFTER ALL these pages of trying to convince his readers that his plans will bring about the defeat of communism, Burnham has to end up with a mystical "solution." He does not know "just when, under what circumstances, and with what measure of benign or disastrous indirect results. . . . But the issue is no longer in doubt. Doubt is vanquished by the act of will which makes the decision."

But Burnham's "act of will," like his plots and plots, is doomed to failure, too. The peoples of the world, joined with the Soviet Union, China and the People's Democracies, will defeat the war moves of the imperialists and bring peace.

On Stage:

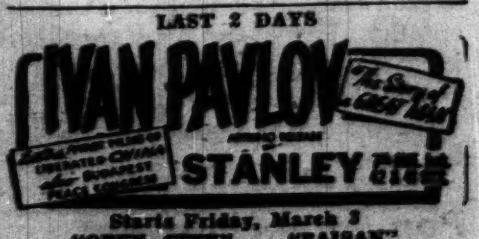
Arthur Laurents' New Play 'Bird Cage'

ARTHUR LAURENTS' new play, *Bird Cage* at the Coronet is a dreary affair with every cliché about night club life you've ever seen in Hollywood movies most carefully included. Harold Clurman's direction is just as hackneyed as the play: he even permits Melvyn Douglas to continually make those short, affectionate jabs to the jaw which somehow is supposed to indicate an amiable mood, a feeling of rapport—or at least used to when every ham movie actor was furiously imitating James Cagney 15 years ago or more.

You can get an idea of the stature of this play by noting that both the ruthless night club owner, the girl he's after, and other characters are almost awe-struck by the fact that the new pianist-partner is a college graduate! There's something clean, different about him, you see; he doesn't belong in their squalid surroundings. Well nobody does, really, from what I recall of my own rather intensive and extensive night club period; but one thing I do recall very

clearly: I somehow never noticed that awe of a college degree in the Broadway spots. Unless the night club owners were in awe of some of their own busboys, waiters, cashiers, chorus girls, musicians, entertainers, etc. If they were, they never let it show.—B. R.

Sean O'Casey's *The Plough and The Stars*, originally set to shutter next Friday, March 3, after a five-week run, has been given a four-week extension. The play by the popular Irish dramatist is being presented by Theatre Today at the Hudson Guild. Leonard Jacobson, business manager for the group, announced that the show has earned enough during the first five weeks of its run to recoup one-third of the original investment. House parties have accounted for a substantial part of the show's business during the first five weeks he said. Theatre Today operates under the Equity off-Broadway formula.



Why Not W. Va. State in Tourney?

Negro College Champs Willing and Able--Coach

By Lester Rodney

There has never been a Negro College basketball team invited to the National Invitation Tournament. Three teams, St. Johns, Duquesne and Bradley, are already in the 1950 event which begins at Madison Square Garden on March 11. Nine more are still to be chosen by the committee headed up by Asa Bushnell. West Virginia State, two-time champs of the fast Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association, with a record to date of 21 wins and 4 defeats, thinks it is good enough and would like a chance to prove it. Basketball fans who

thrill to top performance on the Garden floor by Americans of all colors and national origins would welcome the best of the Negro college teams to the National Tourney.

Is the team good enough? Down at Institute, West Virginia they think so. A largely senior ball club has rolled up a record of 82 victories and 11 defeats over several years. It had won a phenomenal thirty-three in a row until beaten last season at the Frisco Cow Palace by St. Marys of California 66-52 in the first game of a Coast tour. The following night West Virginia State "caught hold" and trounced a strong Santa Clara team 57-44.

This year the team, cordially invited back to the coast, tackled the mighty Oakland AAU club, rated better than any college team and as good as most of the pros. It stars the great Olympic center Don Barksdale. West Virginia State went down 76-68 after a thrilling game, close all the way. Subsequently it lost by two points in the gym of San Jose State, (which split two this season—with San Francisco, defending national tourney champs) beat San Quentin 65-37, Sacramento State 57-36 and on the last night of the arduous trip bowed to Regis of Denver 49-44.

In addition to these three road losses, State was beaten early in the year by Virginia Union of the CIAA, a loss promptly reversed.

Coach Mark Caldwell, queried by this writer on his team, replied, "... West Virginia State College feels it is capable of holding her own in a class with any team which might land in the National Invitation Tourney. In our trip to the West Coast we discovered that other teams making the same trip from the east ran into the same trouble of making an adjustment which was not sufficient to ward off a defeat. The game with Oakland was a terrific affair which was only decided when Earl Lloyd, our 6-6 center, fouled out with about five minutes to play. At this time we were only trailing by three points. Barksdale had been held in check with Lloyd scoring 21 points against him. Barksdale scored 23, but 8 of these were after Lloyd left the game. West Virginia State would entertain an invitation to participate in such a tourney as we do have a senior team that we feel could hold it's own with any team in the country."

There it is. The evidence says West Virginia State is good enough. There are nine spots left in a national tournament. And it is high time the Negro colleges were given a look-in on the basketball scene!

Pop-Famechon Set

Featherweight champion Willie Pep and Raymond Famechon of France were signed yesterday for a title fight March 17 at Madison Square Garden. The European champ agreed to give Willie a return go in 60 days if he wins it.



EARL LLOYD, star 6-6 senior center from Alexandria, Va. is rated as good a center as they come anywhere by Negro College loop followers. He is 21.

THER'RE OFF AND OPTIMISTIC!

In palm bordered ballparks from Florida to California, 16 major league teams officially, and hopefully, open spring training today. Most confident of all were the Brooklyn Dodgers, whose prey, Branch Rickey, has already said "Our number one goal is to beat the Yankees in the World Series." At the Vero Beach training ground, only two regulars will be absent when Manager Shotton calls the roll. Jackie Robinson has been given five days grace to finish his movie, and Gil Hodges is waiting for the arrival of his first born in Brooklyn.

At St. Petersburg, home of the champion Yanks, Casey Stengel jovially greeted his players and said, "They'll have to catch us, this time we have Joe DiMaggio from the start. I have a big hunch about him. I think he'll have a great season."

Over at Sarasota, Joe McCarthy said the Red Sox chances of crashing through were "great" if they got the start, and he pointed out that 22 of their first 30 were right in Fenway Park, to help that start along.

At Phoenix, Giant manager Durocher said he was happy to have a "spirited running team, one that can go to town on the bases and make that double play in the field."

OK, LET'S KILL THE NEXT ONE

District Attorney Frank Hogan said yesterday the investigation into the ring death of middleweight boxer Laverne Roach disclosed "no indication of criminal negligence."

Bradley Nixed; NYU's Big One

To nobody's surprise, Big Ten champs Ohio State officially joined Holy Cross yesterday in the NCAA tourney as representatives of the Midwest. Another NCAA development ruled out Bradley as a Midland representative for having accepted a National Invitation bid. The selection committee, headed by Oklahoma Coach Bruce Drake, decided to omit the usual Conference playoff and just give it to the Big Seven winner, which could be Kansas State, Nebraska or Kansas in the order of likelihood. This decision is local and leaves Duquesne and Kentucky still hopeful of being able to get into both tourneys.

Several more teams are expected to be invited to join the first three, St. Johns, Bradley and Duquesne, in the NIT today. Kentucky, feeling its way for both tourneys, and Western Kentucky may be tapped. LIU and CCNY may have to wait until tomorrow night's double-header against Hamline and Manhattan respectively, though LIU may get the nod before the game. The tempest over Hamline's use of freshmen died down when Clair Bee, who phoned the school in Minnesota, shrugged and said he would play the game anyhow. It is now clear why Hamline can't

get into the two major tourneys.

New Yorkers got a belt out of NYU's 66-63 win over Notre Dame Monday night. The Violets, who have led some fine ball clubs and had their morale wrecked by late fading, were in command all the way despite the frantic finish in which the Irish poured in ten straight in two minutes.

Jim Brasco, the soph star who scored 21, was unstoppable as he feinted his way in against the hard driving but inexperienced South Benders, and popped them from afar when given room. Abe Becker, finishing the season in all city style, outplayed All American Kevin O'Shea. Seeman did nicely underneath, Connie Schaaf again injected his tricky scoring punch and Kaufman, who impressed ND Coach Krause most of all with his playmaking role, was a real captain this night.

The Violet has now played three good games in a row, beating Brooklyn, losing out to St. Johns and Beating Notre Dame. And next year will present Becker, Seeman, Brasco, Jensen, Schaaf and Denderian as a formidable veteran nucleus. Meanwhile they have CCNY worried. But that's nothing new.

In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo

The Hunting Mailbag Floweth Over

"Norfolk, Va.

"Dear Bill:

"I had expected by now to see some comments from southern 'Worker' readers on the pro-hunting, anti-hunting argument. There haven't been any, so I'll add my two cents.

"Perhaps the slick magazines do portray hunting as a sport of, by and for the upper crust, and perhaps some comrades have this idea. But I don't know any sport in the South in which there is greater participation by working people. Big shots may hunt, too, but the vast majority of hunters are workers and farmers, Negro and white.

"Anyone who has driven over southern country roads early in the morning during hunting season would need no further proof of that. The people hunt because many of them can really use the food it brings in; and this is no small matter, especially for thousands of Negro workers and farmers who are living on a semi-starvation basis because of the damnable Jimcrow and lynch terror of the South. Others hunt in order to limit the damage done to their crops and livestock by some animals. Probably still others hunt solely because they enjoy it as an inexpensive, healthy, outdoor sport. THERE'S NO ADMISSION PRICE--AND THERE'S NO JIMCROW SEATING ARRANGEMENT TO ROB THIS SPORT OF ITS FUN.

"I'm not a hunter myself, but I know that if I were I would have an additional common interest with many southern working people.

"The question of opposing hunting in principle on humanitarian grounds seems to me to have been answered already. But to those who argue that the wild-life magazines propagandize hunting to bolster up 'free enterprise,' I would answer that this is true today of any people's activity—but we're not making generalized, principled objections to the movies or to art or to literature on this basis and I for one don't propose that we should.

"Furthermore, if there are weaknesses in the various firearms and hunting laws, and there surely are, we can and should fight such weaknesses without opposing hunting in principle. Such objections are valid and constructive—while objections to hunting in principle seem to me to have no validity.

"Finally, the arguments for and against hunting certainly apply equally to fishing as a sport. Let the anti-hunters be consistent by opposing the sport of fishing as well and I think all will see more clearly what a completely non-Marxist and ridiculous position we would be in.

"DAVE BENNETT."

"New York.

"Dear Bill:

"I have been following the debate on hunting with great interest and I would like to express my opinion on it.

"I am not a hunter. But, because I am not a hunter, it does not mean that hunting is barbarous, inhuman and blah, blah, blah! I have many worker friends who are hunters and who are all very fine people. I call them very fine because I see them day in and day out sacrificing and working hard for the interests of the American people and for the prevention of a new world war.

"I would like to ask the anti-hunters whether they may be carnivorous or herbivorous (I am both). Don't we all destroy other life in order to live? And what's the difference whether you destroy that life with a knife, a hook or a gun, or whether you pay somebody else to do the killing for you? Being progressives, must we be hypocrites?

"I think that hunting and fishing are the oldest and the most natural of sports. Ping pong is also good, but taking a hike through the woods is healthier and more exciting.

"GEORGE STATTUS."

"Lawrence, Mass.

"Dear Bill:

"I wish to add a few qualifying remarks to my anti-hunting letter of last week. I have given more thought to the question and I find I sounded off slightly half-cocked. Also, the snobbery I exhaled was inexcusable.

"My line inevitably led to the conclusion that workers who hunt are, on the whole, a pretty sneaky lot. Such an assumption is, of course, preposterous. I suggested, too, at the letter's end, with feeble humor, that the worker-hunter suffers from some kind of infantile disorder, and is tinged with a streak of sadism. Equally preposterous.

"It would be nearer the truth to say that whatever effects the field sport has on the working class huntsman depends to a great extent on the life-shaped attitudes he takes along with him. I know several persons who have bagged deers, foxes and whatnot; they are all regular Joes. One of them, I happen to know, once risked his life to save that of a cat.

"I don't want to create a wrong impression; I'm not suddenly in favor of hunting (as a sport). I'm still agin it on general principles—minus sectarian pomposity.

"TRIO RUSSO."